ONE HUNDRED NINTH LEGISLATURE FIRST SESSION

SEVENTY-EIGHTH DAY

Legislative Chamber, Lincoln, Nebraska Tuesday, May 13, 2025

PRAYER

The prayer was offered by Senator DeBoer.

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., President Kelly presiding.

The roll was called and all members were present except Senators Armendariz, Bostar, Guereca, Hughes, Hunt, Juarez, and McKinney who were excused until they arrive.

CORRECTIONS FOR THE JOURNAL

The Journal for the seventy-seventh day was approved.

RESOLUTION(S)

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 178. Introduced by DeKay, 40.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this resolution is to propose an interim study to examine any issues within the jurisdiction of the Agriculture Committee of the Legislature that may arise in the interim.

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

1. That the Agriculture Committee of the Legislature shall be designated to conduct an interim study to carry out the purposes of this resolution.

2. That the committee shall upon the conclusion of its study make a report of its findings, together with its recommendations, to the Legislative Council or Legislature.

Referred to the Executive Board.

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 179. Introduced by DeKay, 40.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this resolution is to propose an interim study to review occupational regulations under the Nebraska Livestock Dealer Licensing Act for purposes of the Occupational Board Reform Act.

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

1. That the Agriculture Committee of the Legislature shall be designated to conduct an interim study to carry out the purposes of this resolution.

2. That the committee shall upon the conclusion of its study make a report of its findings, together with its recommendations, to the Legislative Council or Legislature.

Referred to the Executive Board.

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 180. Introduced by DeKay, 40; Brandt, 32; Dorn, 30; Fredrickson, 20; Hardin, 48; Hughes, 24; Meyer, 17; Quick, 35; Storer, 43; Storm, 23.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this resolution is to propose an interim study to examine current and future availability and sustainability of nursing facility care for individuals in Nebraska, including the accessibility for individuals reliant on Medicaid to pay for their medical care. More than thirty-four percent of Nebraska's population is over the age of fifty and that number increases to over forty percent in rural areas of the state. In the future, these numbers will grow, making access to nursing facilities more challenging. Ensuring that older Nebraskans have access to appropriate care close to home is important. Residential nursing care is an integral part of the care continuum needed to provide individuals with a safe and secure environment and the medical and daily living assistance they require.

This study shall include, but not be limited to, the following:

(1) Identifying the availability of nursing facility care in Nebraska, accessibility for Medicaid beneficiaries, and the future sustainability of this type of care especially for rural areas of Nebraska; and

(2) Examining the barriers to providing adequate access to care, including the cost of care, workforce issues, resident demographics, licensure and regulation, and Medicaid reimbursement rates.

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

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1. That the Health and Human Services Committee of the Legislature shall be designated to conduct an interim study to carry out the purposes of this resolution.

2. That the committee shall upon the conclusion of its study make a report of its findings, together with its recommendations, to the Legislative Council or Legislature.

Referred to the Executive Board.

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 181. Introduced by Jacobson, 42.

WHEREAS, the Sioux Lookout Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution presented Charles "Chuck" Scripter with the American Heroes Award and the Excellence in Community Service Award; and

WHEREAS, Scripter joined the United States Air Force and was stationed in Okinawa, Japan; and

WHEREAS, upon his return, Scripter became an electrician with a telephone company in Omaha while also going to night school; and

WHEREAS, Scripter then became a manager for the telephone company in Lexington and started working with his community to start a homeless shelter; and

WHEREAS, Scripter focused on being a servant to his community and through the fruits of his labor, he has volunteered his time to countless nonprofits helping build sixty-four homes, volunteering in the face of thirtyfive disasters, and delivering blood for his community; and

WHEREAS, Scripter also spends his time with individuals in hospice at Brookestone Home Health and Hospice by seeing people through their last days with true honor; and

WHEREAS, Scripter's servant's heart for his community deserves recognition.

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

1. That the Legislature congratulates Charles "Chuck" Scripter on earning the American Heroes Award and the Excellence in Community Service Award from the Sioux Lookout Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution.

2. That a copy of this resolution be sent to Charles "Chuck" Scripter.

Laid over.

SELECT FILE

LEGISLATIVE BILL 415. ER33, found on page 954, was offered.

ER33 was adopted.

Senator M. Cavanaugh offered MO138, found on page 929, to bracket until May 31, 2025.

Senator Holdcroft moved the previous question. The question is, "Shall the debate now close?"

Senator Holdcroft moved for a call of the house. The motion prevailed with 25 ayes, 1 nay, and 23 not voting.

The Holdcroft motion to cease debate prevailed with 25 ayes, 5 nays, and 19 not voting.

The M. Cavanaugh motion to bracket failed with 11 ayes, 32 nays, 3 present and not voting.

The Chair declared the call raised.

Senator Strommen asked unanimous consent to withdraw AM743, found on page 844, and replace it with substitute amendment, AM1337. No objections. So ordered.

AM1337

(Amendments to Standing Committee amendments, AM545)

- 1 1. Strike sections 1 and 4 and insert the following new sections:
- 2 Section 1. Section 2, Initiative Law 2024, No. 436, is amended to
- 3 read:
- 4 Sec. 2. For purposes of the Nebraska Healthy Families and Workplaces
- 5 Act:
- 6 (1) Department means the Department of Labor;
- 7 (2) Employ means to permit to work by an employer pursuant to an 8 employment relationship;
- 9 (3)(3)(a) Employee means any individual employed by an employer, but
- 10 does not include:
- 11 (a) Anan individual who works in Nebraska for fewer than eighty
- 12 hours in a calendar year;-
- 13 (b) An individual owner-operator;
- 14 (c) An independent contractor;
- 15 (d) An individual who is employed in agricultural employment of a
- 16 <u>seasonal or other temporary nature:</u> 17 <u>(c) An(b) Employee does not include an</u> "employee" as defined by 45
- 18 U.S.C. 351(d) who is subject to the federal Railroad Unemployment
- 19 Insurance Act, 45 U.S.C. 351 et seq.; or
- 20 (f) An individual under sixteen years of age so long as such
- 21 individual:
- 22 (i) Is not an emancipated minor;
- 23 (ii) Is not the parent of a child; and
- 24 (iii) Does not have a dependent;
- 25 (4)(a) Employer means any individual, partnership, limited liability
- 26 company, association, corporation, business trust, legal representative,
- 1 or organized group of persons that who employs sixone or more employees.
- 2 (b) Employer does not include the United States or the State of
- 3 Nebraska or its agencies, departments, or political subdivisions;
- 4 (5) Family member means:
- 5 (a) Any of the following, regardless of age: A biological, adopted,
- 6 or foster child, a stepchild, a legal ward, or a child to whom the
- 7 employee stands in loco parentis;
- 8 (b) A biological, foster, step, or adoptive parent or a legal
- 9 guardian of an employee or an employee's spouse;
- 10 (c) A person who stood in loco parentis to the employee or the
- 11 employee's spouse when the employee or employee's spouse was a minor

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12 child:

13 (d) A person to whom the employee is legally married under the laws 14 of any state;

15 (e) A grandparent, grandchild, or sibling, whether of a biological,

16 foster, adoptive, or step relationship, of the employee or the employee's 17 spouse: or

18 (f) Any other individual related by blood to the employee or whose 19 close association with the employee is the equivalent of a family

20 relationship;

21 (6) Health care professional means any person licensed under any

22 federal or state law to provide medical or emergency services;

23 (7) Paid sick time means time that is compensated at the same hourly

24 rate and with the same benefits, including health care benefits, as the 25 employee typically earns during hours worked and that is provided by an

26 employer to an employee for the purposes described in section 4 of this

27 act, and in no case shall the amount of this hourly rate be less than

28 that provided under section 48-1203. Notwithstanding the foregoing, for

29 employees paid on a commission, piece-rate, mileage, or fee-for-service

30 basis, paid sick time means time that is compensated at an hourly rate

31 determined by the employer using the average weekly rate calculation 1 under section 48-126, which shall then be reduced to an hourly rate based

2 on a forty-hour workweek, and that is provided by an employer to an

3 employee for the purposes described in section 3 of this act. Paid sick

4 time includes time made available to employees for purposes including,

5 but not limited to, the purposes described in section 3 of this act under

6 a paid leave policy described in subsection (7) of section 2 of this act;

7 (8) Public health emergency means a declaration or proclamation

8 related to a public health threat, risk, disaster, or emergency that is 9 made or issued by a federal, state, or local official with the authority

10 to make or issue such a declaration or proclamation;

11 (9) Retaliatory personnel action means a denial of any right

12 guaranteed under the Nebraska Healthy Families and Workplaces Act and any

13 threat, discharge, suspension, demotion, reduction of hours or pay, or

14 other adverse action against an employee for exercising or attempting to 15 exercise any right guaranteed in the Nebraska Healthy Families and

16 Workplaces Act;

17 (10)(a) Small business means an employer with at least six but fewer 18 than twenty employees during a given week, including full-time, part-19 time, or temporary employees.

20 (b) Small business does not include an employer that maintained

21 twenty or more employees on its payroll in each of twenty or more

22 calendar weeks in the current or preceding calendar year; and

23 (11) Year means a regular and consecutive twelve-month period as 24 determined by the employer.

25 Sec. 4. Section 8, Initiative Law 2024, No. 436, is amended to 26 read:

27 Sec. 8. (1) The Commissioner of Labor shall issue a citation to an 28 employer when an investigation reveals that the employer may have

29 violated the Nebraska Healthy Families and Workplaces Act.

30 (2) When a citation is issued, the commissioner shall notify the

31 employer of the proposed administrative penalty, if any, by certified

1 mail, by any other manner of delivery by which the United States Postal

2 Service can verify delivery, or by any method of service recognized under

3 Chapter 25, article 5. The administrative penalty shall not be more than

4 five hundred dollars in the case of a first violation and not more than

5 five thousand dollars in the case of a second or subsequent violation.

6 (3) The employer has fifteen working days after the date of the

7 citation or penalty to contest such citation or penalty. Notice of

8 contest shall be sent to the commissioner who shall provide a hearing in 9 accordance with the Administrative Procedure Act.

10 (4) Any employer who has an unpaid citation for a violation of the 11 Nebraska Healthy Families and Workplaces Act shall be barred from 12 contracting with the state or any political subdivision until such 13 citation is paid. If a citation has been contested as described in 14 subsection (3) of this section, it shall not be considered an unpaid 15 citation under this subsection until after such contest has been 16 resolved. 17 (5) Citations issued under this section and the names of employers 18 who have been issued a citation shall be made available to the public 19 upon request, except that this subsection shall not apply to any 20 citations that are being contested as described in subsection (3) of this 21 section. 22 (6) An employee having a claim for a violation of the Nebraska 23 Healthy Families and Workplaces Act may institute suit for legal and 24 equitable relief in the proper court. In any action brought to enforce 25 the Nebraska Healthy Families and Workplaces Act, the court shall have 26 jurisdiction to grant such legal or equitable relief as the court deems 27 appropriate to effectuate the purposes of the act. If an employee 28 establishes a claim and secures judgment on the claim, such employee 29 shall also be entitled to recover the full amount of the judgment and all 30 costs of such suit, including reasonable attorney's fees. 31 (7) If an employee institutes suit against an employer under 1 subsection (6) of this section, any citation that is issued against an 2 employer under subsection (1) of this section and that relates directly 3 to the facts in dispute shall be admitted into evidence unless 4 specifically excluded by the court. If a citation has been contested as 5 described in subsection (3) of this section, it shall not be admitted 6 into evidence under this subsection until such contest has been resolved. 7 (8) A civil action brought under this section shall be commenced no 8 later than onefour calendar yearyears after the cause of action accrues.

Senator Holdcroft moved the previous question. The question is, "Shall the debate now close?"

Senator Holdcroft moved for a call of the house. The motion prevailed with 32 ayes, 0 nays, and 17 not voting.

The Holdcroft motion to cease debate prevailed with 25 ayes, 4 nays, 19 present and not voting, and 2 excused and not voting.

The Strommen amendment was adopted with 36 ayes, 4 nays, 7 present and not voting, and 2 excused and not voting.

The Chair declared the call raised.

Senator Wordekemper offered AM754, found on page 896.

The Wordekemper amendment was withdrawn.

Senator von Gillern offered AM1207, found on page 1268.

Pending.

MOTION(S) - Print in Journal

Senator J. Cavanaugh filed the following motion to LB316: MO246 Recommit to the Judiciary Committee.

RESOLUTION(S)

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 182. Introduced by von Gillern, 4; Brandt, 32; Cavanaugh, J., 9; Clements, 2; Clouse, 37; DeBoer, 10; DeKay, 40; Dorn, 30; Guereca, 7; Hallstrom, 1; Hardin, 48; Holdcroft, 36; Kauth, 31; Murman, 38; Sanders, 45; Sorrentino, 39; Storer, 43; Storm, 23; Wordekemper, 15.

WHEREAS, Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis (ALS), also commonly known as Lou Gehrig's disease, is a progressive fatal neurodegenerative disease in which a person's brain loses connection with their muscles, slowly reducing a person's ability to walk, talk, eat, and eventually breathe; and

WHEREAS, thousands of new ALS cases are reported every year, and estimates show that every ninety minutes, someone is diagnosed with ALS and someone passes away from ALS; and

WHEREAS, the exact cause of ALS is unknown and, on average, patients diagnosed with ALS survive only two to five years from the time of diagnosis; and

WHEREAS, securing access to new therapies, durable medical equipment, and communication technologies is of vital importance to people living with ALS; and

WHEREAS, clinical trials play a pivotal role in evaluating new treatments, enhancing quality of life, and fostering assistive technologies for those living with ALS; and

WHEREAS, Joe Erhardt of Grand Rapids, Michigan, fought valiantly during his six year battle with ALS, never losing his sense of humor, and all the while encouraging, and being a catalyst for, personal and professional growth to all he knew; and

WHEREAS, like Joe, many others have bravely endured the disease, setting an example of strength and resilience in the midst of suffering; and

WHEREAS, Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis Awareness Month provides an opportunity to increase public awareness of the dire circumstances of people living with ALS, acknowledge the terrible impact this disease has on those individuals and their families, and support research to eradicate this disease.

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

1. That the Legislature recognizes May 2025 as ALS Awareness Month.

2. That the Legislature encourages Nebraskans to join in supporting ALS research and funding and recognizes those affected by this relentless disease.

Laid over.

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 183. Introduced by von Gillern, 4; Brandt, 32; Clements, 2; DeBoer, 10; DeKay, 40; Dorn, 30; Guereca, 7; Hallstrom, 1; Holdcroft, 36; Kauth, 31; Sanders, 45; Wordekemper, 15.

WHEREAS, Bill Huben has served as the dedicated and respected principal of St. Wenceslaus School in Omaha, Nebraska, for sixteen years, providing exceptional leadership, unwavering commitment, and a deep sense of faith to students, faculty, and the broader school community; and

WHEREAS, under Huben's guidance, St. Wenceslaus School has flourished as a center of academic excellence, moral development, and community service, upholding its mission to nurture the whole child in spirit, mind, and body; and

WHEREAS, Huben's career in education has been marked by integrity, compassion, and a passion for helping students grow into thoughtful, responsible, and faith-filled citizens; and

WHEREAS, colleagues, students, parents, and parishioners alike have benefited from Huben's steady leadership, sense of humor, and tireless work ethic; and

WHEREAS, Huben is now retiring, leaving behind a legacy of service that will impact generations of students and educators at St. Wenceslaus and across the Catholic school system in Nebraska.

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

1. That the Legislature congratulates Bill Huben on the occasion of his retirement and expresses sincere appreciation for his outstanding contributions to education and to the faith-based community of Nebraska.

2. That a copy of this resolution be sent to Bill Huben.

Laid over.

VISITOR(S)

Visitors to the Chamber were students from Dual Language Academy at St. Joan of Arc, Omaha; students from Ft. Calhoun Elementary, Ft. Calhoun; Dale Quick, Hordville; Alice and Stephen Quick, Grand Island; students from Morton Elementary, Omaha; Elaina Sperry, Omaha; students, teachers, and sponsor from North Star High School, Lincoln; students from Ponca Elementary, Ponca.

RECESS

At 12:00 p.m., on a motion by Senator Juarez, the Legislature recessed until 1:00 p.m.

AFTER RECESS

The Legislature reconvened at 1:00 p.m., President Kelly presiding.

ROLL CALL

The roll was called and all members were present except Senators Bostar, Brandt, DeBoer, Dungan, Lippincott, McKeon, and Quick who were excused until they arrive.

SELECT FILE

LEGISLATIVE BILL 415. Senator von Gillern renewed <u>AM1207</u>, found on page 1268 and considered in this day's Journal.

Senator Bosn moved the previous question. The question is, "Shall the debate now close?"

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

Voting in the affirmative, 29:

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

Voting in the negative, 7:

Bostar	Guereca	McKinney	Spivey
Dungan	Juarez	Rountree	

Present and not voting, 5:

Arch	Cavanaugh, M.	DeBoer	Prokop	Wordekemper

Absent and not voting, 8:

Armendariz	Conrad	Fredrickson	Hunt
Cavanaugh, J.	Dover	Hughes	Quick

The Bosn motion to cease debate prevailed with 29 ayes, 7 nays, 5 present and not voting, 8 absent and not voting, and 0 excused and not voting.

Senator Dungan moved for a call of the house. The motion prevailed with 23 ayes, 18 nays, and 8 not voting.

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

Voting in the affirmative, 48:

Andersen	Conrad	Hardin	McKeon	Sanders
Arch	DeBoer	Holdcroft	McKinney	Sorrentino
Armendariz	DeKay	Hughes	Meyer	Spivey
Ballard	Dorn	Hunt	Moser	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	Riepe	-
Clouse	Hansen	Lonowski	Rountree	

Voting in the negative, 0.

Present and not voting, 1:

Cavanaugh, M.

The von Gillern amendment was adopted with 48 ayes, 0 nays, and 1 present and not voting.

The Chair declared the call raised.

Senator Jacobson offered the following motion: $\underline{MO247}$ Reconsider the vote taken on AM1337.

Senator Ballard offered the following motion: MO248 Invoke cloture pursuant to Rule 7, Sec. 10.

Senator Ballard moved for a call of the house. The motion prevailed with 46 ayes, 0 nays, and 3 not voting.

Senator Ballard requested a roll call vote on the motion to invoke cloture.

Voting in the affirmative, 33:

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

Voting in the negative, 14:

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

Present and not voting, 2:

Cavanaugh, M. Wordekemper

The Ballard motion to invoke cloture prevailed with 33 ayes, 14 nays, and 2 present and not voting.

Senator M. Cavanaugh requested a roll call vote on the Jacobson motion to reconsider.

Voting in the affirmative, 29:

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

Voting in the negative, 12:

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

Present and not voting, 8:

Arch	Bostar	Fredrickson	Hunt
Ballard	Cavanaugh, M.	Hughes	Strommen

The Jacobson motion to reconsider prevailed with 29 ayes, 12 nays, and 8 present and not voting.

The Strommen amendment, <u>AM1337</u>, found and considered in this day's Journal, was reconsidered.

The Strommen amendment lost with 15 ayes, 28 nays, and 6 present and not voting.

Senator J. Cavanaugh requested a record vote on the advancement of the bill.

Advanced to Enrollment and Review for Engrossment with 33 ayes, 14 nays, and 2 present and not voting.

The Chair declared the call raised.

AMENDMENT(S) - Print in Journal

Senator M. Cavanaugh filed the following amendments to LB415: FA227 Strike Section 1.

FA228 Strike Section 2.

Senator Andersen filed the following amendment to LR12CA:

<u>AM1101</u> 1 1. Strike original sections 1 and 2 and insert the following new 2 sections: 3 Section 1. At the general election in November 2026, the following 4 proposed amendment to the Constitution of Nebraska shall be submitted to 5 the electors of the State of Nebraska for approval or rejection: 6 To amend Article VIII, section 1, and add a new section 14 to 7 Article VIII: 8 VIII-1 The necessary revenue of the state and its governmental 9 subdivisions shall be raised by taxation in such manner as the 10 Legislature may direct. Notwithstanding Article I, section 16, Article 11 III, section 18, or Article VIII, section 4, of this Constitution or any 12 other provision of this Constitution to the contrary: (1) Real property 13 shall all be taxed in accordance with Article VIII, section 14, of this 14 ConstitutionTaxes shall be levied by valuation uniformly and 15 proportionately upon all real property and franchises as defined by the 16 Legislature except as otherwise provided in or permitted by this 17 Constitution; (2) tangible personal property, as defined by the 18 Legislature, not exempted by this Constitution or by legislation, shall 19 all be taxed at depreciated cost using the same depreciation method with 20 reasonable class lives, as determined by the Legislature, or shall all be 21 taxed by valuation uniformly and proportionately; (3) the Legislature may 22 provide for a different method of taxing motor vehicles and may also 23 establish a separate class of motor vehicles consisting of those owned 24 and held for resale by motor vehicle dealers which shall be taxed in the 25 manner and to the extent provided by the Legislature and may also 26 establish a separate class for trucks, trailers, semitrailers, truck-27 tractors, or combinations thereof, consisting of those owned by residents 1 and nonresidents of this state, and operating in interstate commerce, and 2 may provide reciprocal and proportionate taxation of such vehicles. The 3 tax proceeds from motor vehicles taxed in each county shall be allocated 4 to the county and the cities, villages, and school districts of such 5 county; (4) the Legislature may provide that agricultural land and 6 horticultural land, as defined by the Legislature, shall constitute a 7 separate and distinct class of property for purposes of taxation and may 8 provide for a different method of taxing agricultural land and 9 horticultural land which results in values that are not uniform and 10 proportionate with all other real property and franchises but which 11 results in values that are uniform and proportionate upon all property 12 within the class of agricultural land and horticultural land; (5) the 13 Legislature may enact laws to provide that the value of land actively 14 devoted to agricultural or horticultural use shall for property tax 15 purposes be that value which such land has for agricultural or 16 horticultural use without regard to any value which such land might have 17 for other purposes or uses; (5)(6) the Legislature may prescribe 18 standards and methods for the determination of the value of real property

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19 at uniform and proportionate values; (7) in furtherance of the purposes 20 for which such a law of the United States has been adopted, whenever 21 there exists a law of the United States which is intended to protect a 22 specifically designated type, use, user, or owner of property or 23 franchise from discriminatory state or local taxation, such property or 24 franchise shall constitute a separate class of property or franchise 25 under the laws of the State of Nebraska, and such property or franchise 26 may not be taken into consideration in determining whether taxes are 27 levied by valuation uniformly or proportionately upon any property or 28 franchise, and the Legislature may enact laws which statutorily recognize 29 such class and which tax or exempt from taxation such class of property 30 or franchise in such manner as it determines; and (6)(8) the Legislature 31 may provide that livestock shall constitute a separate and distinct class 1 of property for purposes of taxation and may further provide for 2 reciprocal and proportionate taxation of livestock located in this state 3 for only part of a year. Each actual property tax rate levied for a 4 governmental subdivision shall be the same for all classes of taxed 5 property and franchises. Taxes uniform as to class of property or the 6 ownership or use thereof may be levied by valuation or otherwise upon 7 classes of intangible property as the Legislature may determine, and such 8 intangible property held in trust or otherwise for the purpose of funding 9 pension, profit-sharing, or other employee benefit plans as defined by 10 the Legislature may be declared exempt from taxation. Taxes other than 11 property taxes may be authorized by law. Existing revenue laws shall 12 continue in effect until changed by the Legislature. 13 VIII-14 (1) Beginning January 1, 2027:

- 14 (a) Real property shall be divided into two separate classes for
- 15 property taxation. The two classes shall be:
- 16 (i) Agricultural land; and
- 17 (ii) Nonagricultural land;
- 18 (b) Real property shall be valued, for property tax purposes, at its
- 19 full taxable value unless such property is exempt from tax pursuant to 20 this Constitution; and
- 21 (c) The property taxes levied on any parcel of real property shall
- 22 not increase, from one year to the next, by more than the allowable
- 23 growth percentage, except in those cases when the full taxable value is
- 24 adjusted pursuant to subdivision (2)(e) of this section.
- 25 (2) For purposes of this section:
- 26 (a) Agricultural land means real property that is primarily used for
- 27 agricultural or horticultural purposes;
- 28 (b) Agricultural or horticultural purposes means used for the
- 29 commercial production of any plant or animal product in a raw or
- 30 unprocessed state that is derived from the science and art of
- 31 agriculture, aquaculture, or horticulture;
- 1 (c) Nonagricultural land means any real property other than
- 2 agricultural land;
- 3 (d) Allowable growth percentage means the lesser of:
- 4 (i) Three percent; or
- 5 (ii) The percentage change in the Consumer Price Index for All Urban
- 6 Consumers, or its successor index, as published by the United States
- 7 Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics, for the twelve-month
- 8 period ending on June 30 of the year in which the relevant property taxes 9 are determined; and
- 10 (e) Full taxable value means the assessed value of the real property
- 11 for 2025, except that a property's full taxable value shall be adjusted
- 12 when purchased, when newly constructed, or when a change of ownership has
- 13 occurred after the 2025 assessment. In such case, the full taxable value
- 14 shall be adjusted as follows: 15 (i) For nonagricultural land, the full taxable value shall be
- 16 adjusted to one hundred percent of the property's fair market value; or

- 17 (ii) For agricultural land, the full taxable value shall be adjusted
- 18 to seventy-five percent of the property's fair market value, except that
- 19 for property taxes levied by a school district to pay the principal and
- 20 interest on bonds that are approved by a vote of the people on or after 21 January 1, 2022, the full taxable value shall be adjusted to fifty
- 22 percent of the property's fair market value.
- 23 (3) For purposes of subdivision (2)(e) of this section, the term
- 24 "newly constructed" does not include the construction, installation,
- 25 removal, or modification of any portion or structural component of an
- 26 existing building or structure.
- 27 (4) For purposes of subdivision (2)(e) of this section, the terms
- 28 "purchased" and "change of ownership" do not include the purchase or
- 29 transfer of real property between spouses since January 1, 2027,
- 30 including, but not limited to, all of the following:
- 31 (a) Transfers to a trustee for the beneficial use of a spouse, or
- 1 the surviving spouse of a deceased transferor, or by a trustee of such a
- 2 trust to the spouse of the trustor;
- 3 (b) Transfers to a spouse that take effect upon the death of a
- 4 spouse;
- 5 (c) Transfers to a spouse or former spouse in connection with a
- 6 property settlement agreement or decree of dissolution of a marriage or 7 legal separation;
- 8 (d) The creation, transfer, or termination, solely between spouses,
- 9 of any co-owner's interest; or
- 10 (e) The distribution of a legal entity's property to a spouse or
- 11 former spouse in exchange for the interest of the spouse in the legal
- 12 entity in connection with a property settlement agreement or a decree of
- 13 dissolution of a marriage or legal separation.
- 14 Sec. 2. The proposed amendment shall be submitted to the electors
- 15 in the manner prescribed by the Constitution of Nebraska, Article XVI,
- 16 section 1, with the following ballot language:
- 17 A constitutional amendment to provide a new method of valuing real
- 18 property for property tax purposes, provide a limit on property tax
- 19 increases, provide certain exceptions, and eliminate conflicting
- 20 constitutional provisions.
- 21 For
- 22 Against.

GENERAL FILE

LEGISLATIVE BILL 376. Committee <u>AM411</u>, found on page 640, and considered on pages 802, 808, and 834, was renewed.

Senator M. Cavanaugh renewed <u>MO86</u>, found on page 802 and considered on pages 802, 808, and 834, to recommit to the Health and Human Services Committee.

Senator M. Cavanaugh asked unanimous consent to withdraw her motion to recommit to committee.

No objections. So ordered.

Senator Arch withdrew AM1263, found on page 1314.

Senator Arch offered <u>AM1312</u>, found on page 1394, to the committee amendment.

The Arch amendment, to the committee amendment, was adopted with 39 ayes, 0 nays, 9 present and not voting, and 1 excused and not voting.

Senator M. Cavanaugh offered the following motion: MO249 Bracket until June 9, 2025.

Senator M. Cavanaugh asked unanimous consent to withdraw her motion to bracket.

No objections. So ordered.

The M. Cavanaugh motion, <u>MO75</u>, found on page 779, to bracket until April 30, 2025, was not considered.

Senator M. Cavanaugh asked unanimous consent to withdraw MO68, found on page 778, to indefinitely postpone.

No objections. So ordered.

The committee amendment, as amended, 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 35 ayes, 0 nays, 12 present and not voting, and 2 excused and not voting.

RESOLUTION(S)

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 184. Introduced by Prokop, 27; Ballard, 21; Bosn, 25; Bostar, 29; Brandt, 32; Clements, 2; Conrad, 46; Dorn, 30; Dungan, 26; Raybould, 28.

WHEREAS, the Lincoln Stars hockey team completed a historic and record-setting 2024-25 season marked by exceptional team and individual accomplishments; and

WHEREAS, the Lincoln Stars captured their fourth Anderson Cup in team history which is awarded to the team with the best regular season record in the United States Hockey League (USHL); and

WHEREAS, the team set franchise records with forty-four wins and two hundred seventy-two goals scored in a single season; and

WHEREAS, the Lincoln Stars energized the community by selling out the Ice Box three times during the season for the first time since 2019; and

WHEREAS, Head Coach Rocky Russo was named Head Coach of the Year; and

WHEREAS, General Manager Nick Fabrizio was named USHL General Manager of the Year; and

WHEREAS, goaltender Yan Shostak was named USHL Goaltender of the Year and selected for the All-USHL First Team; and

WHEREAS, William Prowse was named to the All-USHL Rookie Team as a goaltender, Jack Pechar earned All-USHL Second Team honors as a forward, and Etienne Lessard was named to the All-USHL Third Team as a defenseman; and

WHEREAS, the Lincoln Stars' achievements reflect the dedication and hard work of the players, coaches, staff, and the unwavering support of fans, families, and the Lincoln community; and

WHEREAS, the Legislature recognizes the value of athletics in building character, leadership, and community spirit.

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 Stars hockey team on winning the 2024-2025 Anderson Cup and completing a record-setting season.

2. That copies of this resolution be sent to the Lincoln Stars organization, Head Coach Rocky Russo, General Manager Nick Fabrizio, Yan Shostak, William Prowse, Jack Pechar, and Etienne Lessard.

Laid over.

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 185. Introduced by Hallstrom, 1.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this resolution is to propose an interim study to consider whether Nebraska should adopt the Uniform Law Commission's 2017 Uniform Guardianship, Conservatorship, and Other Protective Arrangements Act. The study should consider Nebraska's current statutory framework for guardianships and conservatorships and any issues that have arisen since the current statutes were adopted. The study should also contemplate whether the Uniform Guardianship, Conservatorship, and Other Protective Arrangements Act might address any such issues or whether it might create different issues.

The study shall include, but not be limited to, a review of statutes, case law, and potential hearing testimony from individuals who have experience with Nebraska's current statutes that govern this area of law.

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

1. That the Judiciary Committee of the Legislature shall be designated to conduct an interim study to carry out the purposes of this resolution.

2. That the committee shall upon the conclusion of its study make a report of its findings, together with its recommendations, to the Legislative Council or Legislature.

Referred to the Executive Board.

SELECT FILE

LEGISLATIVE BILL 468. ER68, found on page 1320, was offered.

ER68 was adopted.

Senator Conrad offered <u>MO241</u>, found on page 1395, to bracket until June 9, 2025.

SPEAKER ARCH PRESIDING

PRESIDENT KELLY PRESIDING

Senator Holdcroft moved the previous question. The question is, "Shall the debate now close?"

Senator Holdcroft moved for a call of the house. The motion prevailed with 23 ayes, 2 nays, and 24 not voting.

The Holdcroft motion to cease debate prevailed with 31 ayes, 8 nays, 8 present and not voting, and 2 excused and not voting.

The Conrad motion to bracket failed with 9 ayes, 30 nays, 8 present and not voting, and 2 excused and not voting.

The Chair declared the call raised.

Senator Dungan offered the following motion: MO250 Reconsider the vote taken on MO241.

SPEAKER ARCH PRESIDING

Pending.

MESSAGE(S) FROM THE GOVERNOR

May 13, 2025

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

Dear Clerk Metzler:

Engrossed Legislative Bills 90, 183, 419, 519, and 635 were received in my office on May 9, 2025, and signed on May 13, 2025.

These bills were delivered to the Secretary of State on May 13, 2025.

(Signed) Sincerely, Jim Pillen Governor

COMMITTEE REPORT(S)

Judiciary

LEGISLATIVE BILL 150. Placed on General File with amendment. AM1370 is available in the Bill Room.

(Signed) Carolyn Bosn, Chairperson

EASE

The Legislature was at ease from 5:29 p.m. until 6:00 p.m.

COMMITTEE REPORT(S)

Enrollment and Review

LEGISLATIVE BILL 644. Placed on Select File with amendment. ER80 is available in the Bill Room.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 371. Placed on Select File.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 490. Placed on Select File with amendment. **ER82**

- 1 1. On page 1, strike lines 2 through 4 and insert "to amend sections 2 60-101, 60-137, 60-152, 60-164, and 60-166, Reissue Revised Statutes of

3 Nebraska; to allow applications for certificates of title for certain

- 4 vehicles; to change provisions relating to issuance of title, records of
- 5 a security agreement or certain conveyances, and evidence of liens; to 6 provide for the perfection and priority of security interests in and the

7 surrender and acquisition of certificates of title of certain vehicles;

8 to harmonize provisions; and to repeal the original sections.".

LEGISLATIVE BILL 422. Placed on Select File.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 499. Placed on Select File with amendment. **ER81**

- 1 1. Strike the original sections and all amendments thereto and
- 2 insert the following new sections:
- 3 Section 1. Section 81-1802, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is
- 4 amended to read:
- 5 81-1802 (1) TheA Crime Victim's Reparations Committee is hereby
- 6 created. The committee shall consist of five members of the commission
- 7 and three public members to be appointed by the Governor, subject to
- 8 approval by the Legislature, as provided in subsection (2) of this
- 9 section.
- 10 (2)(a) Until successors are appointed pursuant to subdivision (b) of
- 11 this section, one-One public member shall represent charitable
- 12 organizations, one public member shall represent businesses, and one
- 13 public member, who has training and relevant work experience with victims
- 14 and survivors of crime, shall represent crime victims.
- 15 (b) Five public members shall be appointed within thirty days after
- 16 the effective date of this act as follows:
- 17 (i) Two public members that represent charitable organizations

18 engaged in providing services to victims, dependents, and relatives of

19 victims. At least one such member shall represent charitable 20 organizations engaged in providing services to victims of sexual assault 21 as defined by section 28-319, 28-319.01, or 28-320, human trafficking as 22 defined by section 28-830, or domestic abuse as defined by section 23 42-903; 24 (ii) Two public members that have training and relevant work 25 experience with victims, dependents, and relatives of victims. At least 26 one such member shall have training and relevant work experience with 27 victims of sexual assault as defined by section 28-319, 28-319.01, or 1 28-320, human trafficking as defined by section 28-830, or domestic abuse 2 as defined by section 42-903; and 3 (iii) One public member who is a victim. 4(3) The members of the committee shall select a chairperson who is a 5 member of the commission. 6 Sec. 2. Section 81-1803, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is 7 amended to read: 8 81-1803 (1) Except as otherwise provided in section 81-1802 or 9 subsection (2) of this section, a member Members of the committee shall 10 serve for a termterms of four years. The term of each public member shall 11 begin on October 1. 12 (2) One of the two public members appointed pursuant to subdivision 13 (2)(b)(i) of section 81-1802 shall serve a two-year term. One of the two 14 public members appointed pursuant to subdivision (2)(b)(ii) of section 15 81-1802 shall serve a two-year term. Thereafter, all members shall serve 16 four-year terms. 17 Sec. 3. Section 81-1804, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is 18 amended to read: 19 81-1804 When a vacancy occurs on the committee, appointment to fill 20 the vacancy shall be made for the balance of the term. A member whose 21 term hasAs the terms of the initial appointees to the committee expire, 22 succeeding appointees shall be appointed to four-year terms. Members 23 whose terms have expired shall continue to serve until a successor 24 hastheir successors have been appointed. 25 Sec. 4. Original sections 81-1802, 81-1803, and 81-1804, Reissue 26 Revised Statutes of Nebraska, are repealed.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 558. Placed on Select File.

(Signed) Dunixi Guereca, Chairperson

SELECT FILE

LEGISLATIVE BILL 468. Senator Dungan renewed MO250, found and considered in this day's Journal, to reconsider the vote taken on MO241.

Senator Andersen moved the previous question. The question is, "Shall the debate now close?"

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

The Andersen motion to cease debate prevailed with 31 ayes, 9 nays, 6 present and not voting, and 3 excused and not voting.

The Dungan motion to reconsider failed with 12 ayes, 31 nays, 3 present and not voting, and 3 excused and not voting.

The Chair declared the call raised.

Senator Conrad offered MO242, found on page 1395, to recommit to the Revenue Committee.

Senator Holdcroft moved the previous question. The question is, "Shall the debate now close?"

Senator Holdcroft moved for a call of the house. The motion prevailed with 27 ayes, 0 nays, and 22 not voting.

The Holdcroft motion to cease debate prevailed with 31 ayes, 7 nays, 8 present and not voting, and 3 excused and not voting.

Senator M. Cavanaugh requested a roll call vote on the Conrad motion to recommit to committee.

Voting in the affirmative, 5:

Cavanaugh, J. Conrad Juarez McKinney Raybould

Voting in the negative, 31:

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

Present and not voting, 10:

Arch	Cavanaugh, M.	Dungan	Guereca	Rountree
Bostar	DeBoer	Fredrickson	Quick	Spivey

Excused and not voting, 3:

Hansen Hunt Prokop

The Conrad motion to recommit to committee failed with 5 ayes, 31 nays, 10 present and not voting, and 3 excused and not voting.

The Chair declared the call raised.

Senator M. Cavanaugh offered the following motion: **MO251** Reconsider the vote taken on MO242.

Senator Meyer moved the previous question. The question is, "Shall the debate now close?"

Senator M. Cavanaugh raised a point of order, asserting that Senator Meyer's motion to cease debate was out of order because he began speaking before formally calling the question.

The Chair sustained the point of order.

Senator Conrad moved the previous question. The question is, "Shall the debate now close?"

The Conrad motion to cease debate prevailed with 26 ayes, 0 nays, 19 present and not voting, and 4 excused and not voting.

Senator M. Cavanaugh asked unanimous consent to withdraw MO251, to reconsider the vote taken on MO242

No objections. So ordered.

Senator Clements asked unanimous consent to withdraw FA55, found on page 877, and replace it with substitute amendment, AM1447. No objections. So ordered.

AM1447 is available in the Bill Room.

Pending.

COMMITTEE REPORT(S) Enrollment and Review

LEGISLATIVE BILL 69. Placed on Final Reading. LEGISLATIVE BILL 120. Placed on Final Reading. **LEGISLATIVE BILL 261.** Placed on Final Reading.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 264. Placed on Final Reading with the attached statement.

ST37

The following changes, required to be reported for publication in the Journal, have been made:

1. In the Bosn amendment, AM1389, section 146 has been renumbered as section 147.

2. In the Clements amendment, AM1396, sections 86 and 87 have been renumbered as sections 85 and 86.

3. In the E&R amendments, ER77:

a. On page 114, line 24, "155" has been struck and "157" inserted;
b. On page 115, line 2, "81-1230, 81-1239," has been struck; in line 10 "68-996," has been inserted after "66-2308,"; and in line 25 "81-1230, 81-1239," has been struck; and

c. On page 116, line 2, "68-996," has been inserted after "66-2308,"; in line 9 "and" has been inserted after the second comma; the matter beginning with "Nebraska" in line 11 through "the" in line 12 has been struck; in line 13 "the Nebraska Nonprofit Security Grant Program Act and" has been inserted after the first "to"; in line 15 "81-829.06," has been struck; and in line 16 "81-829.07, 81-829.08, 81-829.09," has been struck and "81-829.11," has been struck.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 385. Placed on Final Reading. LEGISLATIVE BILL 470. Placed on Final Reading. LEGISLATIVE BILL 513. Placed on Final Reading. LEGISLATIVE BILL 534. Placed on Final Reading. LEGISLATIVE BILL 614. Placed on Final Reading.

(Signed) Dunixi Guereca, Chairperson

AMENDMENT(S) - Print in Journal

Senator Kauth filed the following amendment to LB89: AM1454

(Amendments to Final Reading copy)

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

2 sections:

3 Section 1. Sections 1 to 7 of this act shall be known and may be

4 cited as the Stand With Women Act.

5 Sec. 2. The Legislature finds and declares that:

6 (1) Males and females possess unique and immutable differences that

7 manifest prior to birth and increase as they age and experience puberty;

8 (2) Differences between the sexes are enduring and may, in some

9 circumstances, warrant the creation of separate social, educational,

10 athletic, or other spaces in order to ensure safety and to allow members

11 of each sex to succeed and thrive;

12 (3) Physical differences between males and females have long made

13 separate and sex-specific sports teams important so that female athletes 14 can have equal opportunities to compete in sports while reducing the risk

15 of physical injury;

16 (4) Physical advantages for males relevant to sports include, on

17 average, a larger body size with more skeletal muscle mass, a lower

18 percentage of body fat, and a greater maximal delivery of anaerobic and 19 aerobic energy;

20(5) Even at young ages, males typically score higher than females on

21 cardiovascular endurance, muscular strength, muscular endurance, and

22 speed and agility. These differences become more pronounced during and

23 after puberty as males produce higher levels of testosterone. On average,

24 male athletes are bigger, faster, stronger, and more physically powerful

25 than their female counterparts. This results in a significant sports

26 performance gap between the sexes;

1 (6) Testosterone provides benefits in relation to athletic

2 performance;

3 (7) Studies have shown that the benefits that natural testosterone

4 provides to male athletes are not significantly diminished through the

5 use of testosterone suppression. Testosterone suppression in males does

6 not result in a level playing field between male and female athletes; and

(8) Because of the physical differences between males and females,

8 having separate athletic teams based on the sex of the athlete reduces

9 the chance of injury to female athletes, promotes equality between the

10 sexes, provides opportunities for female athletes to compete against

11 their female peers rather than against male athletes, and allows female

12 athletes to compete on a fair playing field for scholarships and other

13 athletic accomplishments.

- 14 Sec. 3. For purposes of the Stand With Women Act:
- 15 (1) Athletic association means a corporation, association, or

16 organization which has as one of its primary purposes the sponsoring or

17 administration of extracurricular interscholastic athletic contests or

18 competitions;

- 19 (2) Boy means an adolescent human male;
- 20 (3) Female means an individual who naturally has, had, will have, or
- 21 would have, but for a congenital anomaly or intentional or unintentional
- 22 disruption, the reproductive system that at some point produces,
- 23 transports, and utilizes eggs for fertilization. Female includes a woman 24 and a girl;
- 25 (4) Girl means an adolescent human female;
- 26 (5) Male means an individual who naturally has, had, will have, or
- 27 would have, but for a congenital anomaly or intentional or unintentional
- 28 disruption, the reproductive system that at some point produces,
- 29 transports, and utilizes sperm for fertilization. Male includes a man and 30 <u>a boy;</u>
- $31 \overline{(6) \text{ Man means an adult human male;}}$
- 1 (7) Postsecondary educational institution means a university,
- 2 college, or community college located in Nebraska that is a member
- 3 institution of an accrediting body recognized by the United States
- 4 Department of Education;
- 5 (8) Private school means any private, denominational, or parochial
- 6 school offering instruction in elementary or high school grades;
- 7 (9) Public school means any public school offering instruction in
- 8 elementary or high school grades;
- 9 (10) Sex means an individual's sex, either male or female; and
- 10 (11) Woman means an adult human female.
- 11 Sec. 4. (1) For an interscholastic athletic team or sport sponsored
- 12 by a public school, a private school whose students or teams compete
- 13 against a public school in an interscholastic sport, or a private school
- 14 that is a member of an athletic association, the team or sport shall be
- 15 expressly designated as one of the following based on sex:
- 16 (a) Males, men, or boys;
- 17 (b) Females, women, or girls; or
- 18 (c) Coed or mixed.
- 19 (2)(a) For an interscholastic athletic team or sport sponsored by a
- 20 public school, a private school whose students or teams compete against a
- 21 public school in an interscholastic sport, or a private school that is a
- 22 member of an athletic association, a team or sport designated for
- 23 females, women, or girls shall not be open to a male student.
- 24 (b) For an interscholastic athletic team or sport sponsored by a
- 25 public school, a private school whose students or teams compete against a
- 26 public school in an interscholastic sport, or a private school that is a
- 27 member of an athletic association, a team or sport designated for males,
- 28 men, or boys shall not be open to a female student unless there is no
- 29 female team offered or available for such sport for such female student.
- 30 (3) For an interscholastic athletic team or sport sponsored by a
- 31 public postsecondary educational institution, a private postsecondary
- educational institution whose students or teams compete against a public
- 2 postsecondary educational institution, or a private postsecondary
- 3 educational institution that is a member of an athletic association, the
- 4 team or sport shall be expressly designated as one of the following based 5 on sex:
- $6 \frac{\text{(a) Bellin}}{\text{(a) Males, men, or boys;}}$
- 7 (b) Females, women, or girls; or
- 8 (c) Coed or mixed.
- 9(4)(a) For an interscholastic athletic team or sport sponsored by a
- 10 public postsecondary educational institution, a private postsecondary

11 educational institution whose students or teams compete against a public 12 postsecondary educational institution, or a private postsecondary 13 educational institution that is a member of an athletic association, a 14 team or sport designated for females, women, or girls shall not be open 15 to a male student. 16 (b) For an interscholastic athletic team or sport sponsored by a 17 public postsecondary educational institution, a private postsecondary 18 educational institution whose students or teams compete against a public 19 postsecondary educational institution, or a private postsecondary 20 educational institution that is a member of an athletic association, a 21 team or sport designated for males, men, or boys shall not be open to a 22 female student unless there is no female team offered or available for 23 such sport for such female student. 24 (5) In order to participate in an interscholastic athletic team or 25 sport that is designated for males, men, or boys or designated for 26 female, women, or girls and that is sponsored by (a) a public school or a 27 public postsecondary educational institution or (b) a private school or a 28 private postsecondary educational institution subject to the Stand With 29 Women Act, a student shall provide to such school or postsecondary 30 educational institution confirmation of such student's sex on a document 31 signed by a doctor or signed under the authority of a doctor. 1 (6) Nothing in this section shall be construed to restrict the 2 eligibility of any student to participate in any interscholastic athletic 3 teams or sports designated as coed or mixed. 4 Sec. 5. A government entity, licensing or accrediting organization, 5 or athletic association shall not entertain a complaint, open an 6 investigation, or take any other adverse action against a public or 7 private school or a public or private postsecondary educational 8 institution for maintaining any separate interscholastic athletic team or 9 sport for female students. 10 Sec. 6. The governing body of each public school and public 11 postsecondary educational institution and each private school and private 12 postsecondary educational institution subject to the Stand With Women Act 13 shall adopt a policy implementing the Stand With Women Act. Such policy 14 shall include provisions regarding the conduct of visitors and the 15 public. 16 Sec. 7. An individual born with a diagnosis of a disorder or 17 difference in sex development shall have the relevant legal protections 18 and accommodations afforded under the federal Americans with Disabilities 19 Act of 1990, as amended. 20 Sec. 8. If any section in this act or any part of any section is

21 declared invalid or unconstitutional, the declaration shall not affect

22 the validity or constitutionality of the remaining portions.

Senator Bosn filed the following amendment to LB150: FA229

In AM1370, remove the comma on page 1, line 16 following "state".

RESOLUTION(S)

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 186. Introduced by McKinney, 11.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this resolution is to propose an interim study to consider necessary revisions to Legislative Bill 222, One Hundred Ninth Legislature, First Session, 2025, and to existing statutes or regulations to minimize the use of racial profiling or racial disparity in traffic stops in Nebraska in order to address the disparity of Black and Hispanic drivers being stopped, detained, and arrested throughout the state for various traffic infractions and offenses.

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

1. That the Judiciary Committee of the Legislature shall be designated to conduct an interim study to carry out the purposes of this resolution.

2. That the committee shall upon the conclusion of its study make a report of its findings, together with its recommendations, to the Legislative Council or Legislature.

Referred to the Executive Board.

SELECT FILE

LEGISLATIVE BILL 468. Senator Clements renewed <u>AM1447</u>, found and considered in this day's Journal.

Senator Clements moved the previous question. The question is, "Shall the debate now close?"

The Clements motion to cease debate prevailed with 26 ayes, 1 nay, 19 present and not voting, and 3 excused and not voting.

The Clements amendment was adopted with 27 ayes, 1 nay, 19 present and not voting, and 2 excused and not voting.

Senator Conrad offered MO243, found on page 1395, to indefinitely postpone.

Senator Clements offered the following motion: MO252

Invoke cloture pursuant to Rule 7, Sec. 10.

Senator Clements moved for a call of the house. The motion prevailed with 39 ayes, 2 nays, and 8 not voting.

Senator Clements requested a roll call vote on his motion to invoke cloture.

Voting in the affirmative, 31:

Clouse	Hughes	Meyer	Strommen
DeKay	Ibach	Moser	von Gillern
Dorn	Jacobson	Murman	Wordekemper
Hallstrom	Kauth	Sanders	
Hansen	Lippincott	Sorrentino	
Hardin	Lonowski	Storer	
Holdcroft	McKeon	Storm	
	DeKay Dorn Hallstrom Hansen Hardin	DeKayIbachDornJacobsonHallstromKauthHansenLippincottHardinLonowski	DeKayIbachMoserDornJacobsonMurmanHallstromKauthSandersHansenLippincottSorrentinoHardinLonowskiStorer

Voting in the negative, 11:

Bostar Cavanaugh, J. Cavanaugh, M		Juarez McKinney Raybould	Rountree Spivey	
Present and no	ot voting, 5:			
Dover	Fredrickson	Guereca	Quick	Riepe

Excused and not voting, 2:

Hunt Prokop

The Clements motion to invoke cloture failed with 31 ayes, 11 nays, 5 present and not voting, and 2 excused and not voting.

The Chair declared the call raised.

AMENDMENT(S) - Print in Journal

Senator Bostar filed the following amendments to LB468: AM1432

(Amendments to AM1430)

1 1. Strike the original sections and all amendments thereto and

2 insert the following new sections:

3 Section 1. Section 77-2004, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 4 2024, is amended to read:

5 77-2004 (1) In the case of a father, mother, grandfather,

6 grandmother, brother, sister, son, daughter, child or children legally

7 adopted as such in conformity with the laws of the state where adopted,

8 any lineal descendant, any lineal descendant legally adopted as such in 9 conformity with the laws of the state where adopted, any person to whom 10 the deceased for not less than ten years prior to death stood in the 11 acknowledged relation of a parent, or the spouse or surviving spouse of

12 any such persons, the rate of tax shall be:

13 (a) For decedents dying prior to January 1, 2023, one percent of the 14 clear market value of the property received by each person in excess of 15 forty thousand dollars;-and

16 (b) For decedents dying on or after January 1, 2023, and prior to

17 January 1, 2027, one percent of the clear market value of the property

18 received by each person in excess of one hundred thousand dollars;-

19 (c) For decedents dying on or after January 1, 2027, and prior to

20 January 1, 2028, 0.95% of the clear market value of the property received

21 by each person in excess of one hundred thousand dollars;

22 (d) For decedents dying on or after January 1, 2028, and prior to

23 January 1, 2029, 0.90% of the clear market value of the property received

24 by each person in excess of one hundred thousand dollars;

25 (e) For decedents dying on or after January 1, 2029, and prior to

26 January 1, 2030, 0.85% of the clear market value of the property received 1 by each person in excess of one hundred thousand dollars;

2 (f) For decedents dying on or after January 1, 2030, and prior to

3 January 1, 2031, 0.80% of the clear market value of the property received

4 by each person in excess of one hundred thousand dollars;

5 (g) For decedents dying on or after January 1, 2031, and prior to

6 January 1, 2032, 0.75% of the clear market value of the property received

7 by each person in excess of one hundred thousand dollars; 8 (h) For decedents dying on or after January 1, 2032, and prior to 9 January 1, 2033, 0.70% of the clear market value of the property received 10 by each person in excess of one hundred thousand dollars; 11 (i) For decedents dying on or after January 1, 2033, and prior to 12 January 1, 2034, 0.65% of the clear market value of the property received 13 by each person in excess of one hundred thousand dollars; 14 (j) For decedents dying on or after January 1, 2034, and prior to 15 January 1, 2035, 0.60% of the clear market value of the property received 16 by each person in excess of one hundred thousand dollars; 17 (k) For decedents dying on or after January 1, 2035, and prior to 18 January 1, 2036, 0.55% of the clear market value of the property received 19 by each person in excess of one hundred thousand dollars; 20 (j) For decedents dying on or after January 1, 2036, and prior to 21 January 1, 2037, 0.50% of the clear market value of the property received 22 by each person in excess of one hundred thousand dollars; 23 (m) For decedents dying on or after January 1, 2037, and prior to 24 January 1, 2038, 0.45% of the clear market value of the property received 25 by each person in excess of one hundred thousand dollars; 26 (n) For decedents dying on or after January 1, 2038, and prior to 27 January 1, 2039, 0.40% of the clear market value of the property received 28 by each person in excess of one hundred thousand dollars; 29 (c) For decedents dying on or after January 1, 2039, and prior to 30 January 1, 2040, 0.35% of the clear market value of the property received 31 by each person in excess of one hundred thousand dollars; (p) For decedents dying on or after January 1, 2040, and prior to 2 January 1, 2041, 0.30% of the clear market value of the property received 3 by each person in excess of one hundred thousand dollars;
 4 (q) For decedents dying on or after January 1, 2041, and prior to
 5 January 1, 2042, 0.25% of the clear market value of the property received 6 by each person in excess of one hundred thousand dollars; 7 (r) For decedents dying on or after January 1, 2042, and prior to 8 January 1, 2043, 0.20% of the clear market value of the property received 9 by each person in excess of one hundred thousand dollars; 10 (s) For decedents dying on or after January 1, 2043, and prior to 11 January 1, 2044, 0.15% of the clear market value of the property received 12 by each person in excess of one hundred thousand dollars; 13 (t) For decedents dying on or after January 1, 2044, and prior to 14 January 1, 2045, 0.10% of the clear market value of the property received 15 by each person in excess of one hundred thousand dollars; 16 (u) For decedents dying on or after January 1, 2045, and prior to 17 January 1, 2046, 0.05% of the clear market value of the property received 18 by each person in excess of one hundred thousand dollars; and 19 (v) For decedents dying on or after January 1, 2046, zero percent. 20 (2) Any interest in property, including any interest acquired in the 21 manner set forth in section 77-2002, which may be valued at a sum less 22 than or equal to the applicable exempt amount under subsection (1) of 23 this section shall not be subject to tax. In addition the homestead 24 allowance, exempt property, and family maintenance allowance shall not be 25 subject to tax. Interests passing to the surviving spouse by will, in the 26 manner set forth in section 77-2002, or in any other manner shall not be 27 subject to tax. Any interest passing to a person described in subsection 28 (1) of this section who is under twenty-two years of age shall not be 29 subject to tax. 30 Sec. 2. Section 77-2005, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 31 2024, is amended to read: 1 77-2005 (1) In the case of an uncle, aunt, niece, or nephew related

2 to the deceased by blood or legal adoption, or other lineal descendant of

3 the same, or the spouse or surviving spouse of any of such persons, the 4 rate of tax shall be:

5 (a) For decedents dying prior to January 1, 2023, thirteen percent 6 of the clear market value of the property received by each person in

7 excess of fifteen thousand dollars; and 8 (b) For decedents dying on or after January 1, 2023, and prior to 9 January 1, 2027, eleven percent of the clear market value of the property 10 received by each person in excess of forty thousand dollars:-11 (c) For decedents dying on or after January 1, 2027, and prior to 12 January 1, 2028, 10.45% of the clear market value of the property 13 received by each person in excess of forty thousand dollars; 14 (d) For decedents dying on or after January 1, 2028, and prior to 15 January 1, 2029, 9.90% of the clear market value of the property received 16 by each person in excess of forty thousand dollars; 17 (e) For decedents dying on or after January 1, 2029, and prior to 18 January 1, 2030, 9.35% of the clear market value of the property received 19 by each person in excess of forty thousand dollars; 20 (f) For decedents dying on or after January 1, 2030, and prior to 21 January 1, 2031, 8.80% of the clear market value of the property received 22 by each person in excess of forty thousand dollars; 23 (g) For decedents dying on or after January 1, 2031, and prior to 24 January 1, 2032, 8.25% of the clear market value of the property received 25 by each person in excess of forty thousand dollars; 26 (h) For decedents dying on or after January 1, 2032, and prior to 27 January 1, 2033, 7.70% of the clear market value of the property received
 28 by each person in excess of forty thousand dollars;
 29 (i) For decedents dying on or after January 1, 2033, and prior to 30 January 1, 2034, 7.15% of the clear market value of the property received 31 by each person in excess of forty thousand dollars; (i) For decedents dying on or after January 1, 2034, and prior to 2 January 1, 2035, 6.60% of the clear market value of the property received 3 by each person in excess of forty thousand dollars; 4 (k) For decedents dying on or after January 1, 2035, and prior to 5 January 1, 2036, 6.05% of the clear market value of the property received 6 by each person in excess of forty thousand dollars; 7 (1) For decedents dying on or after January 1, 2036, and prior to 8 January 1, 2037, 5.50% of the clear market value of the property received by each person in excess of forty thousand dollars;
 (m) For decedents dying on or after January 1, 2037, and prior to
 January 1, 2038, 4.95% of the clear market value of the property received 12 by each person in excess of forty thousand dollars; 13 (n) For decedents dying on or after January 1, 2038, and prior to 14 January 1, 2039, 4.40% of the clear market value of the property received 15 by each person in excess of forty thousand dollars; 16 (o) For decedents dying on or after January 1, 2039, and prior to 17 January 1, 2040, 3.85% of the clear market value of the property received 18 by each person in excess of forty thousand dollars: 19 (p) For decedents dying on or after January 1, 2040, and prior to 20 January 1, 2041, 3.30% of the clear market value of the property received 21 by each person in excess of forty thousand dollars; 21 Gy cach person in excess of forty inousand donars,
22 (g) For decedents dying on or after January 1, 2041, and prior to
23 January 1, 2042, 2.75% of the clear market value of the property received
24 by each person in excess of forty thousand dollars;
25 (r) For decedents dying on or after January 1, 2042, and prior to
26 Ionuary 1, 2043, 2.20% of the clear market value of the generative sector of the se 26 January 1, 2043, 2.20% of the clear market value of the property received 27 by each person in excess of forty thousand dollars; 28 (s) For decedents dying on or after January 1, 2043, and prior to 29 January 1, 2044, 1.65% of the clear market value of the property received 30 by each person in excess of forty thousand dollars;

31 (t) For decedents dying on or after January 1, 2044, and prior to 1 January 1, 2045, 1.10% of the clear market value of the property received

2 by each person in excess of forty thousand dollars;

3 (u) For decedents dying on or after January 1, 2045, and prior to 4 January 1, 2046, 0.55% of the clear market value of the property received

5 by each person in excess of forty thousand dollars; and

6 (v) For decedents dying on or after January 1, 2046, zero percent.

7 (2) If the clear market value of the beneficial interest is less 8 than or equal to the applicable exempt amount under subsection (1) of 9 this section, it shall not be subject to tax. In addition, any interest

10 passing to a person described in subsection (1) of this section who is 11 under twenty-two years of age shall not be subject to tax.

12 Sec. 3. Section 77-2006, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 13 2024, is amended to read:

14 77-2006 (1) In all other cases the rate of tax shall be:

15 (a) For decedents dying prior to January 1, 2023, eighteen percent

16 of the clear market value of the beneficial interests received by each 17 person in excess of ten thousand dollars; and

18 (b) For decedents dying on or after January 1, 2023, and prior to

19 January 1, 2027, fifteen percent of the clear market value of the

20 beneficial interests received by each person in excess of twenty-five 21 thousand dollars;-

22 (c) For decedents dying on or after January 1, 2027, and prior to 23 January 1, 2028, 14.25% of the clear market value of the beneficial

24 interests received by each person in excess of twenty-five thousand 25 dollars;

26 (d) For decedents dying on or after January 1, 2028, and prior to 27 January 1, 2029, 13.50% of the clear market value of the beneficial

28 interests received by each person in excess of twenty-five thousand 29 dollars;

30 (e) For decedents dying on or after January 1, 2029, and prior to

31 January 1, 2030, 12.75% of the clear market value of the beneficial interests received by each person in excess of twenty-five thousand 2 dollars;

3 (f) For decedents dying on or after January 1, 2030, and prior to 4 January 1, 2031, 12.00% of the clear market value of the beneficial

5 interests received by each person in excess of twenty-five thousand 6 dollars;

7 (g) For decedents dying on or after January 1, 2031, and prior to 8 January 1, 2032, 11.25% of the clear market value of the beneficial

9 interests received by each person in excess of twenty-five thousand 10 dollars;

11 (h) For decedents dying on or after January 1, 2032, and prior to

12 January 1, 2033, 10.50% of the clear market value of the beneficial

13 interests received by each person in excess of twenty-five thousand 14 dollars;

15 (i) For decedents dying on or after January 1, 2033, and prior to

16 January 1, 2034, 9.75% of the clear market value of the beneficial 17 interests received by each person in excess of twenty-five thousand

18 dollars;

19 (j) For decedents dying on or after January 1, 2034, and prior to

20 January 1, 2035, 9.00% of the clear market value of the beneficial 21 interests received by each person in excess of twenty-five thousand

22 dollars;

23 (k) For decedents dying on or after January 1, 2035, and prior to 24 January 1, 2036, 8.25% of the clear market value of the beneficial

25 interests received by each person in excess of twenty-five thousand

26 dollars;

27 (1) For decedents dying on or after January 1, 2036, and prior to

28 January 1, 2037, 7.50% of the clear market value of the beneficial 29 interests received by each person in excess of twenty-five thousand

30 dollars;

31 (m) For decedents dying on or after January 1, 2037, and prior to 1 January 1, 2038, 6.75% of the clear market value of the beneficial

2 interests received by each person in excess of twenty-five thousand

3 dollars;

4 (n) For decedents dying on or after January 1, 2038, and prior to

5 January 1, 2039, 6.00% of the clear market value of the beneficial

6 interests received by each person in excess of twenty-five thousand

7 dollars;

- 8 (o) For decedents dying on or after January 1, 2039, and prior to
- 9 January 1, 2040, 5.25% of the clear market value of the beneficial
- 10 interests received by each person in excess of twenty-five thousand 11 dollars;
- 12 (p) For decedents dying on or after January 1, 2040, and prior to
- 13 January 1, 2041, 4.50% of the clear market value of the beneficial
- 14 interests received by each person in excess of twenty-five thousand 15 dollars;
- 16 (q) For decedents dying on or after January 1, 2041, and prior to
- 17 January 1, 2042, 3.75% of the clear market value of the beneficial 18 interests received by each person in excess of twenty-five thousand 19 dollars;

- 20 (r) For decedents dying on or after January 1, 2042, and prior to 21 January 1, 2043, 3.00% of the clear market value of the beneficial 22 interests received by each person in excess of twenty-five thousand 23 dollars;
- 24 (s) For decedents dying on or after January 1, 2043, and prior to 25 January 1, 2044, 2.25% of the clear market value of the beneficial
- 26 interests received by each person in excess of twenty-five thousand 27 dollars;
- 28 (t) For decedents dying on or after January 1, 2044, and prior to 29 January 1, 2045, 1.50% of the clear market value of the beneficial
- 30 interests received by each person in excess of twenty-five thousand 31 dollars;
- 1 (u) For decedents dying on or after January 1, 2045, and prior to
- 2 January 1, 2046, 0.75% of the clear market value of the beneficial
- 3 interests received by each person in excess of twenty-five thousand 4 dollars; and
- 5 (v) For decedents dying on or after January 1, 2046, zero percent.
- 6 (2) If the clear market value of the beneficial interest is less
- 7 than or equal to the applicable exempt amount under subsection (1) of 8 this section, it shall not be subject to any tax. In addition, any
- 9 interest passing to a person who is under twenty-two years of age shall 10 not be subject to tax.
- 11 Sec. 4. Original sections 77-2004, 77-2005, and 77-2006, Revised
- 12 Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024, are repealed.

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VISITOR(S)

Visitors to the Chamber were students from York Elementary, York; Pepe Herrero, Lincoln; Robert and Kathy Ledig, Washington D.C.

The Doctor of the Day was Dr. Theresa Hatcher, Omaha.

ADJOURNMENT

At 8:24 p.m., on a motion by Senator Sanders, the Legislature adjourned until 9:00 a.m., Wednesday, May 14, 2025.

> Brandon Metzler Clerk of the Legislature

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