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LEGISLATIVE JOURNAL

**ONE HUNDRED NINTH LEGISLATURE
FIRST SESSION**

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Legislative Chamber, Lincoln, Nebraska
Thursday, May 15, 2025

PRAYER

The prayer was offered by Father Ben Holdren, St. Gregory the Great Seminary, Seward.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was offered by Senator Holdcroft.

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 Dover, Guereca, Hansen, Hunt, Juarez, and Spivey who were excused until they arrive.

CORRECTIONS FOR THE JOURNAL

On page 1493, line 30, after "constitutional" and before "majority", insert "two-thirds".

The Journal for the seventy-ninth day was approved as corrected.

MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR

May 14, 2025

Mr. President, Mr. Speaker, and
Members of the Legislature
State Capitol
Lincoln, NE 68509

Dear Mr. President and Members of the Legislature:

With this letter, I am returning LB 319 without my signature and with my objections. Under federal law, the Personal Responsibility and Work Opportunity Reconciliation Act (PRWORA) bans individuals with felony drug convictions from receiving Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) benefits. Federal law also allows states to modify or remove the ban by enacting legislation.

Nebraska already has a modified ban where individuals are eligible for SNAP provided they 1) have less than three felony convictions for the use or possession of a controlled substance, and 2) have completed or are participating in a state-licensed or nationally accredited treatment program after the date of their conviction. Individuals with three or more such felony convictions, as well as those convicted of the sale or distribution of a controlled substance, are ineligible for SNAP benefits. Further, other members of a household may still be eligible for SNAP benefits even if an individual household member is deemed ineligible.

LB 319 would further expand SNAP eligibility to convicted drug dealers and remove the requirement of substance abuse treatment for individuals with one or two felony convictions for possession or use of a controlled substance. It also contains loopholes that could allow habitual offenders with three or more felony convictions to evade the requirement of substance abuse treatment.

Individuals that distribute or sell illicit drugs should not be entitled to taxpayer-funded benefits. And illegal drug users should be required to complete treatment before they receive their third felony conviction.

It is for these reasons that I have decided to veto LB 319.

Sincerely,
(Signed) Jim Pillen
Governor

RESOLUTION(S)

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 207. Introduced by Bosn, 25.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this resolution is to propose an interim study to examine Nebraska's protection order statutes. Of particular concern is a review of the history of the development of the protection order statutes and consideration for how such statutes are being utilized. The study may also consider whether protection orders issued pursuant to statute can or should be issued for the benefit of or against juveniles in the state. The study should consider data and statistics about protection order filings, the type and number of requests for protection orders made, and potential testimony from individuals with experience navigating or administering the process to be granted a protection order.

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.

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 208. Introduced by Hardin, 48.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this resolution is to propose an interim study to examine the impact of mobile services on the delivery of health care services. This study will examine the various ways of providing medical and dental services, the advantages of and opportunities for improvement, the historical background and reasons for these new technologies, legislation from other states impacting these areas, and the costs and benefits of using new technologies for medical services.

The interim study shall include, but need not be limited to, an examination of the following:

- (1) Telehealth;
- (2) Mobile imaging;
- (3) Mobile clinicians;
- (4) Mobile clinics;
- (5) Mobile dentistry; and
- (6) Other medical services provided by new technologies.

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

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 209. Introduced by Hardin, 48.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this resolution is to propose an interim study to examine the funding sources of skilled nursing facilities throughout Nebraska. This study will examine the funding sources, organizations involved with skilled nursing facilities, and current laws that impact this process.

The interim study shall include, but need not be limited to, an examination of the following:

- (1) The amount of medicaid reimbursement for skilled nursing facilities;
- (2) The role of other organizations involved with skilled nursing facility care;
- (3) The current impact of the Nebraska Health Care Certificate of Need Act and any other related statutes; and
- (4) A breakdown of funding for patient services and costs of other organizations involved with skilled nursing care.

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

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 210. Introduced by Hardin, 48.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this resolution is to propose an interim study to examine and compare how health information exchanges work in other states.

The interim study shall include, but need not be limited to, an examination of the following:

- (1) The role of third parties;
- (2) Auditing processes used by other state auditors or federal auditors;
- (3) Whether any fees are charged;
- (4) Data sharing with the federal government;
- (5) Historical background;
- (6) Other states' legislation; and
- (7) Privacy issues.

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

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.

MOTION(S) - Print in Journal

Senator Rountree filed the following motion to [LB319](#):

[MO259](#)

That the bill becomes law notwithstanding the objections of the Governor.

REPORTS

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

REPORT OF REGISTERED LOBBYISTS

Following is a list of all lobbyists who have registered as of May 14, 2025, in accordance with Section 49-1481, Revised Statutes of Nebraska. Additional lobbyists who have registered will be filed weekly.

(Signed) Brandon Metzler
Clerk of the Legislature

Owen, Anthony
Code.org (Withdrawn 05/14/2025)

GENERAL FILE

LEGISLATIVE BILL 77A. Title read. Considered.

Advanced to Enrollment and Review Initial with 41 ayes, 0 nays, 4 present and not voting, and 4 excused and not voting.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 644A. Title read. Considered.

Advanced to Enrollment and Review Initial with 35 ayes, 1 nay, 10 present and not voting, and 3 excused and not voting.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 707A. Title read. Considered.

Advanced to Enrollment and Review Initial with 33 ayes, 0 nays, 13 present and not voting, and 3 excused and not voting.

SELECT FILE

LEGISLATIVE BILL 48A. Advanced to Enrollment and Review for Engrossment.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 513A. Advanced to Enrollment and Review for Engrossment.

AMENDMENT(S) - Print in Journal

Senator Raybould filed the following amendment to [LB170](#):
[AM1406](#) is available in the Bill Room.

RESOLUTION(S)**LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 211.** Introduced by Prokop, 27.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this resolution is to propose an interim study to examine the InternNE program.

This study shall examine the InternNE program in order to evaluate its effectiveness in retaining students in the State of Nebraska, assess its contribution to workforce development, and analyze its impact on addressing the brain drain phenomenon affecting the state. The study shall also include, but not be limited to, an evaluation of similar talent attraction and retention programs existing in other states, availability of adequate programming and partnership opportunities with institutions of higher education across Nebraska, and possible future funding mechanisms of a redevelopment program.

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

1. That the Business and Labor 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 212. Introduced by Lippincott, 34.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this resolution is to propose an interim study to examine the organization of the Rules of the Nebraska Unicameral Legislature rulebook. The study may also examine the charts and graphs in the rulebook and which votes of the Legislature require the majority of elected members or the majority of those voting.

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

1. That a select committee of the Legislature, composed of the members of the Rules Committee of the Legislature, shall be designated by the Executive Board of the Legislative Council 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.

MOTION(S) - Return LB261 to Select File

Senator M. Cavanaugh moved to return LB261 to Select File for her specific amendment, [AM1461](#), found on page 1530.

Senator M. Cavanaugh withdrew her motion to return.

The M. Cavanaugh amendment, AM1461, was not considered.

WITHDRAW - Amendment to LB261

Senator DeBoer withdrew [AM1377](#), found on page 1421.

MOTION(S) - Return LB261 to Select File

Senator Spivey moved to return LB261 to Select File for her specific amendment, [AM1366](#), found on page 1421.

Senator Spivey withdrew her motion to return.

The Spivey amendment, AM1366, was not considered.

Senator Spivey moved to return LB261 to Select File for her specific amendment, [AM1423](#), found on page 1421.

Senator Spivey withdrew her motion to return.

The Spivey amendment, AM1423, was not considered.

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

Pursuant to Rule 6, Sec. 8, the Legislature approved the dispensing of the reading at large of LB261 with 43 ayes, 1 nay, 4 present and not voting, and 1 excused and not voting.

The following bill was put upon final passage:

LEGISLATIVE BILL 261. With Emergency Clause.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to appropriations; to state intent; to define terms; to make appropriations for the expenses of Nebraska State Government for the biennium ending June 30, 2027; to appropriate funds allocated to the State of Nebraska from the federal Coronavirus State Fiscal Recovery Fund pursuant to the federal American Rescue Plan Act of 2021, 42 U.S.C. 802, as amended; to appropriate funds for capital construction and property acquisition as prescribed; to require program statements and a

request for funding; to transfer funds; to provide duties; to provide an operative date; and to declare an emergency.

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

Voting in the affirmative, 37:

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

Voting in the negative, 11:

Cavanaugh, J.	DeBoer	Hunt	Raybould
Cavanaugh, M.	Dungan	Juarez	Spivey
Conrad	Fredrickson	McKinney	

Excused and not voting, 1:

Guereca

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

MOTION(S) - Return LB264 to Select File

Senator M. Cavanaugh moved to return LB264 to Select File for the following specific amendment:

[AM1468](#)

(Amendments to Final Reading copy)

- 1 1. Strike sections 71, 72, 73, 87, 120, 142, 143, 153, and 199.
- 2 2. On page 106, lines 27 and 28, strike "forty-seven million" and
- 3 insert "forty-nine million four hundred thousand".
- 4 3. Renumber the remaining sections and correct internal references
- 5 and the repealer accordingly.

Senator M. Cavanaugh withdrew her motion to return.

The M. Cavanaugh amendment, AM1468, was not considered.

WITHDRAW - Amendments to LB264

Senator J. Cavanaugh withdrew [FA213](#), found on page 1432.

Senator DeBoer withdrew [AM1390](#), found on page 1431.
Senator Holdcroft withdrew [FA209](#), found on page 1431.
Senator Conrad withdrew [AM1399](#), found on page 1432.
Senator M. Cavanaugh withdrew [FA224](#), found on page 1433.
Senator Raybould withdrew [AM1433](#), found on page 1432.

MOTION(S) - Return LB264 to Select File

Senator M. Cavanaugh moved to return LB264 to Select File for her specific amendment, [FA223](#), found on page 1433.

Senator M. Cavanaugh withdrew her motion to return.

The M. Cavanaugh amendment, FA223, was not considered.

WITHDRAW - Amendment to LB264

Senator Spivey withdrew [FA203](#), found on page 1433.

MOTION(S) - Return LB264 to Select File

Senator M. Cavanaugh moved to return LB264 to Select File for her specific amendment, [FA225](#), found on page 1433.

Senator M. Cavanaugh withdrew her motion to return.

The M. Cavanaugh amendment, FA225, was not considered.

Senator M. Cavanaugh moved to return LB264 to Select File for her specific amendment, [FA226](#), found on page 1433.

Senator M. Cavanaugh withdrew her motion to return.

The M. Cavanaugh amendment, FA226, was not considered.

WITHDRAW - Amendment to LB264

Senator Raybould withdrew [AM1420](#), found on page 1432.

MOTION(S) - Return LB264 to Select File

Senator McKinney moved to return LB264 to Select File for his specific amendment, [FA205](#), found on page 1431.

The McKinney motion to return failed with 10 ayes, 31 nays, 7 present and not voting, and 1 excused and not voting.

The McKinney amendment, FA205, was not considered.

Senator McKinney moved to return LB264 to Select File for his specific amendment, [FA206](#), found on page 1431.

Senator Dungan requested a roll call vote on the motion to return.

The McKinney motion to return failed with 11 ayes, 32 nays, 5 present and not voting, and 1 excused and not voting.

The McKinney amendment, FA206, was not considered.

Senator Conrad moved to return LB264 to Select File for her specific amendment, [AM1400](#), found on page 1432.

Senator Conrad withdrew her motion to return.

The Conrad amendment, AM1400, was not considered.

BILL ON FINAL READING

Dispense With Reading at Large

Pursuant to Rule 6, Sec. 8, the Legislature approved the dispensing of the reading at large of LB264 with 44 ayes, 2 nays, 2 present and not voting, and 1 excused and not voting.

The following bill was put upon final passage:

LEGISLATIVE BILL 264. With Emergency Clause.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to government; to amend sections 2-1577, 37-351, 39-2803, 39-2807, 48-1,116, 48-3405, 50-501, 57-1411, 60-3,201, 71-7608, 72-2401, 76-3219, 77-2911, 77-4310.03, 79-810, 79-1064, 79-1119, 79-1142, 79-1145, 79-2510, 79-3501, 81-179, 81-302, 81-407, 81-8,239.02, 81-1210.04, 81-1211, 81-1213.02, 81-1213.05, 81-1216, 81-12,174, 81-12,176, 81-12,177, 81-12,178, 81-12,182, 81-12,183, 81-12,184, 81-12,185, 81-12,186, 81-12,187, 81-12,189, 81-12,191, 81-12,193, 81-12,224, 81-12,238, 81-12,243, 81-12,245, 81-1329, 81-1558, 81-15,174, 81-15,300, 81-2004.07, 81-2004.08, 82-139, 83-973, 84-612, 84-622, 85-1643, 85-1654, 85-2009, 86-324, and 86-1028, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, and sections 8-604, 9-1,101, 9-1107, 13-3315, 37-1017, 37-1804, 39-1390, 39-2806, 46-1,164, 55-901, 60-3,201.01, 60-1505, 60-1513, 61-218, 61-222, 61-305, 61-405, 66-2308, 68-996, 68-1010, 69-1317, 71-5328, 71-7611, 72-232.02, 72-820, 72-1001, 72-2211, 75-1101, 77-4025, and 77-6841, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024; to provide for, change, and eliminate provisions relating to investment earnings, transfers, and uses of funds; to change provisions relating to the Mayhew Cabin, the Ferguson House, expenses for special education programs and support services, and the Nebraska Transformational Projects

Act; to provide for termination of the Economic Opportunity Program, the Biotechnology Development Cash Fund, and a pilot program regarding patients with complex health needs; to eliminate the Customized Job Training Act, the Small Business Assistance Act, and provisions relating to the Nebraska Nonprofit Security Grant Program Act and funds for broadband infrastructure projects; to eliminate obsolete provisions; to harmonize provisions; to provide operative dates; to repeal the original sections; to outright repeal sections 81-829.10, 81-1214, 81-1215, 81-1217, 81-1218, 81-1219, 81-12,232, 81-12,233, 81-12,234, 81-12,235, 81-12,236, 81-12,237, and 81-12,244, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; and to declare an emergency.

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

Voting in the affirmative, 35:

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

Voting in the negative, 13:

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

Excused and not voting, 1:

DeBoer

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

MESSAGE(S) FROM THE GOVERNOR

May 15, 2025

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

Dear Clerk Metzler:

Engrossed Legislative Bills 32, 230e, 230Ae, 323, 560, 561e, 640, 667, and 696 were received in my office on May 14, 2025, and signed on May 15, 2025.

These bills were delivered to the Secretary of State on May 15, 2025.

Sincerely,
(Signed) Jim Pillen
Governor

BILL ON FIRST READING

The following bill was read for the first time by title:

LEGISLATIVE BILL 677A. Introduced by Hansen, 16.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to appropriations; to appropriate funds to aid in carrying out the provisions of Legislative Bill 677, One Hundred Ninth Legislature, First Session, 2025; and to declare an emergency.

RESOLUTION(S)

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 213. Introduced by McKinney, 11.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this resolution is to propose an interim study to examine the connection between neighborhood-level investment and youth outcomes, including, but not limited to, educational attainment, youth violence, and long-term well-being. This study will evaluate how housing conditions, safety, and neighborhood stability influence youth outcomes and will explore place-based solutions to address neighborhood disparities and promote youth success.

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

1. That the Urban Affairs 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 214. Introduced by McKinney, 11.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this resolution is to propose an interim study to explore systemic and logistical barriers that prevent meaningful civic participation among residents in high-poverty and marginalized

communities in Nebraska. These barriers include, but are not limited to, language access, limited transportation options, lack of child care, insufficient knowledge of civic processes, and historic disenfranchisement. The study will evaluate how state and local systems can be restructured or supported to ensure equitable access to civic engagement and participation in democratic institutions.

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

1. That the Government, Military and Veterans Affairs 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 215. Introduced by McKinney, 11.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this resolution is to propose an interim study to evaluate the feasibility and benefits of developing a neighborhood-level data infrastructure framework for Nebraska, similar to the National Neighborhood Indicators Partnership model, to provide access to data, including, but not limited to, localized data on housing, health, education, and environment. This study will examine best practices, necessary infrastructure, potential partnerships, and governance models for building a sustainable data ecosystem to support equitable community development.

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

1. That the Urban Affairs 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 216. Introduced by Cavanaugh, M., 6.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this resolution is to propose an interim study to examine the current caseload of child welfare social workers working in the various districts across the state. The study shall include, but need not be limited to, the following:

- (1) A determination of whether Nebraska caseloads are in compliance with statutory requirements;
- (2) How Nebraska caseloads compare to national best practices;

(3) A determination of the number of caseworkers that children in Nebraska are assigned during their time in foster care and how that number effects case plan development and implementation;

(4) An exploration of ways to reduce turnover in caseworker positions;

(5) An examination as to whether current training is appropriately preparing new caseworkers; and

(6) Other items relevant to the analysis of the appropriate level of social worker caseloads.

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

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 217. Introduced by Cavanaugh, M., 6.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this resolution is to propose an interim study to examine the current fee structure for reports and filings submitted to the Nebraska Accountability and Disclosure Commission. The study shall include the following: Gauging the appropriateness of fees for covering associated administrative costs and effectiveness for compliance with the Nebraska Political Accountability and Disclosure Act, determining if further flexibility in setting fees and penalties is needed by the commission, and other pertinent items as needed.

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

1. That the Government, Military and Veterans Affairs 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 218. Introduced by Spivey, 13; Hughes, 24.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this resolution is to propose an interim study to examine the public health and community impact of skilled gaming machines in Nebraska.

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

- (1) Mapping the prevalence, placement, and geographic density of skilled gaming machines across Nebraska;
- (2) Studying the impact of such machines on addiction services, financial hardship, and public health;
- (3) Reviewing the legal and regulatory framework governing skilled gaming machines compared to other forms of gambling;
- (4) Comparing the state revenue generated by skilled gaming machines versus money spent on services provided by the state, including gambling and financial counseling;
- (5) Reviewing the effect of skilled gaming machines on neighborhood safety, crime patterns, and local economic activity; and
- (6) Researching the extent to which these devices are marketed or accessed by vulnerable populations.

In conducting this interim study, the General Affairs Committee of the Legislature may confer with relevant agencies, law enforcement, subject matter experts, addiction specialists, gaming regulators, directly impacted individuals, community organizations, and other relevant partners.

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

1. That the General Affairs 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 219. Introduced by Fredrickson, 20.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this resolution is to propose an interim study to examine nonopioid pharmacological treatment options in medicaid, evaluate opportunities and barriers to accessing nonopioid pharmacological treatment options within medicaid programs, evaluate initiatives to promote nonopioid pain management within medicaid, evaluate the benefits and risks involving the use of opioids, and investigate potential cost savings in medicaid through the use of nonopioid pharmacological treatment options due to reduction in opioid addiction and death.

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

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 220. Introduced by Fredrickson, 20.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this resolution is to propose an interim study to examine the adequacy of funding and resources available to Level 3 Special Education Contractual Services for children. Children and students receiving Level 3 care require the highest level of intervention and support due to the severity of their behavioral or emotional challenges. Level 3 care providers offer specialized and intensive care for children exhibiting significant behavioral issues, such as aggression, self-harm, severe defiance, and disruptions to their living environments. The effectiveness of Level 3 care is directly influenced by staffing levels, access to therapeutic services, facility safety and structure, and the implementation of innovative care models tailored to the unique needs of residents. Additional resources may be necessary to enhance staffing, expand therapeutic services, improve facility infrastructure, and support program evaluation to better address the needs of children in Level 3 care. Ensuring transparency and evaluating effectiveness of such resources is critical to determining their impact and justifying future needs.

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

- (1) Assessing current funding levels and their utilization by Level 3 care providers;
- (2) Evaluating the adequacy of staffing levels, including staff-to-student ratios and training programs for managing severe behavioral challenges;
- (3) Analyzing the availability and quality of therapeutic services, such as individualized and group counseling, trauma-informed care, and crisis intervention strategies;
- (4) Examining the state of facility infrastructure, including safety features and therapeutic environments;
- (5) Reviewing existing program development efforts and their outcomes; and
- (6) Identifying potential funding gaps and recommending strategies to ensure adequate support for these facilities.

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

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 221. Introduced by Fredrickson, 20.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this resolution is to propose an interim study to examine the barriers to access to dental services for Nebraskans. The study shall include, but need not be limited to, an examination of the following:

- (1) How to assure all Nebraska residents have affordable access to dental care with a dental home, particularly those that qualify for medicaid;
- (2) How to address the lack of dentists and dental hygienists in dental shortage areas;
- (3) How to create a dental medicaid program that is sustainable;
- (4) How to reduce the number of people seeking relief from dental pain in the emergency room of a hospital;
- (5) How to invest in public health dental infrastructure, including, but not limited to, the Department of Health and Human Services, the Nebraska Department of Health and Human Services Office of Oral Health and Dentistry, federally qualified health centers, and local public health departments, to help prevent dental problems and disease; and
- (6) How the state might invest in urgent care dental clinics within Nebraska's dental schools to provide acute care and deter people from using emergency rooms for dental issues.

In conducting this interim study, the Health and Human Services Committee of the Legislature may confer with other standing committees, state agencies, the University of Nebraska Medical Center College of Dentistry, the Creighton University School of Dentistry, the Nebraska Dental Association, and other appropriate stakeholders, as well as create a work group, conduct meetings, and make site visits.

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

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 222. Introduced by Urban Affairs Committee: McKinney, 11, Chairperson; Cavanaugh, J., 9; Quick, 35; Rountree, 3; Sorrentino, 39.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this resolution is to propose an interim study to investigate the prevalence of bed bugs in public housing located within cities of the metropolitan class. The study shall look into the various parties affected by the presence of bed bugs in an urban setting, including public housing stakeholders, public health entities, and other community organizations.

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

1. That the Urban Affairs 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 223. Introduced by Brandt, 32.

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

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

1. That the Natural Resources 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 224. Introduced by Dungan, 26.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this resolution is to propose an interim study to examine the effectiveness of programs addressing health-related social needs, which are unmet adverse social conditions that contribute to poor health, including food insecurity, unemployment, and housing instability. This study shall also examine programs that integrate health-related social needs to understand the potential outcomes of adopting a similar program in Nebraska.

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

(1) Examining the outcomes of programming that address the health-related social needs of specifically defined populations with high health risk factors, high social risk factors, or both;

(2) Examining the effects on participants' health outcomes, health services utilization, and health care costs; and

(3) Examining outcomes in programs implemented in other states under medicaid and results of research studies of private programs.

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

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 225. Introduced by Dungan, 26; Cavanaugh, J., 9.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this resolution is to propose an interim study to examine the need and implementation of a Green Amendment in Nebraska and the implications of adopting Legislative Resolution 22CA, One Hundred Ninth Legislature, First Session, 2025.

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

1. That the Natural Resources 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 226. Introduced by Cavanaugh, J., 9; Hansen, 16; Holdcroft, 36.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this resolution is to propose an interim study to examine the implementation of the Nebraska Medical Cannabis Patient Protection Act and the Nebraska Medical Cannabis Regulation Act.

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

(1) Determining the status of the Nebraska Medical Cannabis Commission's criteria to accept or deny applications for registration, including adopting, promulgating, and enforcing reasonable rules, regulations, and eligibility standards for such registrations;

(2) Determining the status of grants or denials of registrations to applicants for registered cannabis establishments under the Nebraska Medical Cannabis Regulation Act;

(3) Receiving an update on the status of the Nebraska Medical Cannabis Commission; and

(4) Receiving input from medical professionals, patients, and caregivers on the status and accessibility of medical cannabis in Nebraska.

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

1. That the General Affairs 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 227. Introduced by Cavanaugh, J., 9; Fredrickson, 20; Hansen, 16; McKinney, 11; Sanders, 45.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this resolution is to propose an interim study to examine the recommendations presented to the Legislative Mental Health Care Capacity Strategic Planning Committee in the report the committee received in November 2024 from a consultant hired pursuant to section 50-702. The study shall include, but not be limited to, examining the recommendations of the consultant.

In conducting this interim study, the Health and Human Services Committee of the Legislature may confer with stakeholders, including affected state agencies, law enforcement, defense attorneys, mental health professionals, and other organizations which promote mental and behavioral health.

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

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 228. Introduced by Cavanaugh, J., 9; Dungan, 26.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this resolution is to propose an interim study to examine and assess the adequacy of compensation for higher education faculty who primarily engage in classroom instruction within Nebraska's public institutions. This study will identify disparities, analyze competitive salary structures, and explore potential policy solutions to ensure faculty members receive fair and competitive compensation. The study shall include, but need not be limited to, an examination of the following:

(1) A review of current salary levels and compensation structures for faculty in Nebraska's public higher education institutions;

(2) A comparison of Nebraska's public higher education faculty salaries with those at peer institutions in surrounding states;

(3) An examination of salary disparities across disciplines and the impact of those disparities on recruitment and retention;

- (4) An analysis of the impact of faculty compensation on student outcomes, including retention and graduation rates;
- (5) A review of potential funding mechanisms or policy changes to enhance faculty compensation in a sustainable manner; and
- (6) Consideration of alternative compensation models, including cost-of-living increases, performance-based pay, benefits enhancements, and other incentives.

In conducting this interim study, the Education Committee of the Legislature may confer with the Coordinating Commission for Postsecondary Education, the University of Nebraska, state colleges, community colleges, faculty organizations, faculty members, administrators, students, policy experts, other relevant entities, and stakeholders.

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

1. That the Education 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 229. Introduced by Clouse, 37.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this resolution is to propose an interim study to examine the Firefighter Cancer Benefits Act and potential changes to the act that would not include an unfunded mandate and would better serve the needs of Nebraska's paid and volunteer firefighters. This study shall include, but need not be limited to, an examination of legislation in other states with benefits similar to the Firefighter Cancer Benefits Act and how that legislation has been incentivized and implemented in those states, if it includes benefits for volunteer firefighters, and how those benefits are funded.

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

1. That the Revenue 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 230. Introduced by Lonowski, 33; Andersen, 49; Armendariz, 18; Ballard, 21; Clouse, 37; Conrad, 46; DeKay, 40; Dorn, 30; Hallstrom, 1; Holdcroft, 36; Ibach, 44; Lippincott, 34;

McKeon, 41; Murman, 38; Quick, 35; Sanders, 45; Sorrentino, 39; Storer, 43; Strommen, 47; Wordekemper, 15.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this resolution is to propose an interim study to examine options for allowing retired teachers to return to intermittent work at a school for more than eight days per month during their bona fide one hundred eighty-day separation period from their employer.

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

1. That the Nebraska Retirement Systems 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 231. Introduced by Riepe, 12.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this resolution is to propose an interim study to examine access to dental care and explore strategies to improve oral health in rural and other underserved areas of Nebraska.

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

(1) Examining access to dental care and the availability of oral health services in rural and other underserved areas of Nebraska;

(2) Gathering information on the distribution of dental providers across the state, the barriers to care, including affordability and transportation, the availability of preventive and emergency dental services, and the impact of current medicaid and insurance coverage policies on access to treatment;

(3) Examining workforce issues, including recruitment and retention of dental professionals in underserved communities, and assessing the effectiveness of existing programs and potential policy solutions to improve oral health outcomes and reduce disparities in dental care access; and

(4) Exploring legislative solutions that can strengthen dental health infrastructure and service delivery in high-need areas.

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

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 232. Introduced by Riepe, 12.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this resolution is to propose an interim study to examine regulatory restrictions and opportunities in medical education in order to strengthen the medical workforce in rural and other underserved areas of Nebraska.

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

- (1) Examining regulatory restrictions and opportunities in medical education and how regulatory frameworks impact the training, placement, and long-term retention of medical professionals in rural areas and other underserved areas;
- (2) Gathering and analyzing information related to accreditation standards, licensure processes, clinical training requirements, and the distribution and availability of clinical training sites across the state;
- (3) Identifying specific barriers that discourage or prevent medical professionals from practicing in these communities and explore policy options, including educational incentives, financial supports, and targeted reforms, to enhance access to medical education and health care services; and
- (4) Exploring legislative solutions that can improve the pipeline of health care providers serving Nebraska's rural and underserved populations.

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

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 233. Introduced by Quick, 35; Cavanaugh, J., 9; Fredrickson, 20; Lonowski, 33; Riepe, 12.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this resolution is to propose an interim study to examine issues relating to state agency guidance documents, rules, and regulations. The study shall include, but need not be limited to, an examination of the following:

- (1) The process used by state agencies to issue guidance documents under section 84-901.03 and the opportunity for public involvement and stakeholder input before the issuance of such guidance documents;
- (2) The difference in purpose and effect between guidance documents and rules and regulations; and
- (3) Whether guidance documents issued by state agencies have imposed greater burdens on Nebraska nonprofits and businesses than required under federal law or federal regulation.

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

1. That the Government, Military and Veterans Affairs 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 234. Introduced by Storm, 23; Andersen, 49; Armendariz, 18; Brandt, 32; Clements, 2; Clouse, 37; DeKay, 40; Dorn, 30; Dover, 19; Hughes, 24; Ibach, 44; Jacobson, 42; Lippincott, 34; Lonowski, 33; Moser, 22; Murman, 38; Riepe, 12; Sorrentino, 39; Storer, 43; Strommen, 47.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this resolution is to propose an interim study to examine the impact of the net-zero plans and goals of public power utilities.

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

- (1) Evaluating the impact of net-zero plans and goals on customer's rates;
- (2) Evaluating the true costs of net-zero plans and goals;
- (3) Evaluating state and federal laws and regulations prompting public power utilities to pursue net-zero plans and goals;
- (4) Determining the reliability, resiliency, and affordability impacts due to the pursuit of net-zero plans and goals;
- (5) Evaluating the impact of net-zero plans and goals on employment at baseload generation facilities from inception until full implementation; and
- (6) Determining economic impact of baseload generation facility closures on local economies where these facilities are located.

In conducting this interim study, the Natural Resources Committee may confer with state agencies, other standing committees of the Legislature, and relevant stakeholders, including, but not limited to, representatives from the public power utilities, the Southwest Power Pool, economic development community, and local municipalities.

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

1. That the Natural Resources 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 235. Introduced by Wordekemper, 15; Brandt, 32; Clouse, 37; DeKay, 40; Ibach, 44; Lonowski, 33; McKeon, 41; Storer, 43.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this resolution is to propose an interim study to examine the approval process, personnel involved, and costs associated with controlled burn permits. The study shall include, but not be limited to, an examination of:

- (1) The timings and locations of controlled burns;
- (2) Prior complications with controlled burns and their impact on affected citizens;
- (3) Weather conditions, dates, and safety precautions prior to controlled burns;
- (4) Regulations for public versus private burns;
- (5) The long-term environmental goals of controlled burns;
- (6) Current statutes relating to burns;
- (7) Regulations for firebreaks, necessary equipment for safe burns, and equipment sourcing; and
- (8) The impact of controlled burns on the natural ecosystem.

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

1. That the Natural Resources 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 236. Introduced by Wordekemper, 15; Fredrickson, 20; Hardin, 48; Lonowski, 33.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this resolution is to propose an interim study to explore the impact of genetic testing and its utilization within the life insurance industry, the effects of such testing in other states, and the role of insurance companies in this context.

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

1. That the Banking, Commerce and Insurance 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 237. Introduced by Wordekemper, 15; Hardin, 48; Lonowski, 33; Storer, 43.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this resolution is to propose an interim study to examine the data collection and reporting structure for emergency medical services data.

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

- (1) Determining what data is collected, who collects the data, where the data is used, and when the data is reported;
- (2) Examining if the data effectively informs lawmakers' decisions; and
- (3) Examining what the level of burden the data collection process places on the emergency medical services workforce.

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

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 238. Introduced by Holdcroft, 36.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this resolution is to propose an interim study to determine the quality of patient services at abortion clinics in Nebraska and the nature and quality of state oversight of those clinics.

The interim study shall include, but need not be limited to, an examination of:

- (1) Compliance with state law;
- (2) Physician qualifications, licensing for abortion services, and the qualifications for prescribing medications in Nebraska; and
- (3) Compliance with medical ethics, best practices, and hygienic conditions.

In conducting this interim study, the Health and Human Services Committee of the Legislature may confer with other standing committees of the Legislature, legislative divisions, state agencies, and other relevant stakeholders.

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

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 239. Introduced by Spivey, 13.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this resolution is to propose an interim study to examine the status and impact of food access in urban qualified census tracts, with a focus on access to fresh, nutritious food.

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

- (1) Evaluating various ways to improve fresh food access in urban qualified census tracts;
- (2) Mapping and reviewing supply ecosystems;
- (3) Evaluating the potential role of mobile markets, food hubs, local farmers, co-ops, and community-supported agriculture in strengthening food systems;
- (4) Quantifying the impact of food access on public health, educational outcomes, and workforce participation, particularly among children, seniors, and low-income families in urban qualified census tracts;
- (5) Reviewing successful program models in other states; and
- (6) Identifying potential policy recommendations and opportunities.

In conducting this interim study, the Urban Affairs Committee of the Legislature may confer with state and local agencies, food producers, grocers, food banks, public health officials, community organizations, impacted individuals, and other partners to determine effective policy responses to address improving food access across Nebraska.

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

1. That the Urban Affairs 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 240. Introduced by Spivey, 13.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this resolution is to propose an interim study to examine how the Legislature can take a more coordinated, proactive, and intentional policy role in shaping economic development and innovation across Nebraska since the Covid-19 pandemic.

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

- (1) Identifying key public and private partners who are working towards long term economic development throughout the state;

- (2) Identifying current and emerging economic development challenges and opportunities because of the Covid-19 pandemic;
- (3) Assessing the impact of federal American Rescue Plan Act funding on past, current, and future economic development;
- (4) Providing recommendations for improving policy and coordination across legislative committees and exploring if forming a new legislative committee on economic development is appropriate; and
- (5) Exploring strategies to measure and report on the impact of economic development.

In conducting this interim study, the Urban Affairs Committee of the Legislature may confer with state agencies, economists, business leaders, labor representatives, local governments, community organizations, and other relevant stakeholders to ensure that legislative efforts are informed, comprehensive, and align with best practices.

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

1. That the Urban Affairs 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 241. Introduced by Spivey, 13.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this resolution is to propose an interim study to examine child care impacts on certified trade apprentices participation in Nebraska. The study will explore the relationship between affordable and reliable child care and the success of certified apprenticeships in skilled trades and workforce participation.

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

- (1) Evaluating the availability, cost, and geographic distribution of child care options for individuals enrolled in registered apprenticeship programs;
- (2) Reviewing the impact of nontraditional or unpredictable work hours on child care accessibility and cost for trade apprentices;
- (3) Identifying whether access to child care affects enrollment, retention, and completion rates within apprenticeships particularly for women, racial and ethnic groups, single parents, and low-income families;
- (4) Determining the extent to which current state and federal funding streams support or exclude apprentices with dependents from accessing child care assistance;
- (5) Studying successful models or pilot programs in other states or sectors that integrate child care solutions into apprentice programs; and
- (6) Providing recommendations for aligning state apprenticeship strategies with broader childcare, workforce, and economic development goals.

In conducting this interim study, the select committee may confer with trade unions, apprenticeship program sponsors, community colleges, employers, parents enrolled in apprenticeships, early childhood education providers, public agencies, and community organizations to assess how childcare access intersects with the state's efforts to grow and diversify its skilled trades workforce.

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

1. That the Executive Board of the Legislative Council may designate a select committee of the Legislature, composed of the members of the Health and Human Services Committee of the Legislature and the chairperson and vice chairperson of the Business and Labor committee of the Legislature, 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 242. Introduced by Spivey, 13; McKinney, 11.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this resolution is to propose an interim study to examine the current structure, function, and authority of the Board of Parole.

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

(1) Exploring the appropriate composition and qualifications of board members to best reflect the expertise needed for parole decisions;

(2) Reviewing the appointment process and length of terms for board members, including accountability and consistency;

(3) Analyzing the criteria and procedures used in parole hearings and decision-making;

(4) Evaluating the administrative independence of the Board of Parole and the board's capacity and staffing to meet the growing demand for parole hearings;

(5) Examining models from other states that have restructured or updated their parole boards to improve outcomes, reduce recidivism, and address racial and socioeconomic disparities in parole decisions; and

(6) Studying how the Board of Parole's decisions impact prison population levels, public safety, and reentry outcomes across Nebraska.

In conducting this interim study, the Judiciary Committee of the Legislature may confer with formerly incarcerated individuals, criminal justice reform advocates, law enforcement representatives, parole officers, victims' advocacy organizations, public officials, and other stakeholders to assess how to align the Board of Parole with best practices.

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.

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 243. Introduced by Spivey, 13.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this resolution is to propose an interim study to examine the job opportunities for people incarcerated with the Department of Correctional Services facilities. This study will evaluate the effectiveness of current landscapes as well as identify opportunities to align policy with best evidence-based practices.

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

- (1) Examining data on the number of incarcerated people employed in the state correctional system, including the number of positions, the number of hours worked by individuals in these positions, and the conditions of employment;
- (2) Examining any differences in employment opportunities for individuals, including their facility, race, age, and gender;
- (3) Examining the compensation paid by each of the positions reviewed;
- (4) Reviewing the potential for additional employment opportunities, either for the Department of Correctional Services, or for private businesses located in or contracted with a correctional facility;
- (5) Examining any contracts with entities for work done by incarcerated people that benefit an outside entity; and
- (6) Consulting with various stakeholders to ensure that legislative efforts and recommendations are informed, comprehensive, and in keeping with best evidence-based practices.

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.

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 244. Introduced by Spivey, 13.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this resolution is to propose an interim study to examine the state of housing for individuals returning home from incarceration in Omaha. The study shall include, but not be limited to, the following:

- (1) Analyzing Nebraska laws, local zoning ordinances, and housing policies that affect housing for formerly incarcerated individuals;
- (2) Reviewing rental practices, parole-related restrictions, family reunification, and housing provider screening procedures that affect people with criminal histories;
- (3) Assessing the availability and effectiveness of transitional, permanent, supportive, and affordable housing options in Omaha;
- (4) Reviewing of successful housing models and integration into reentry programs from other states and municipalities; and
- (5) Evaluating the impact of housing on recidivism, crime rates, and reintegration for returning citizens.

In conducting this interim study, the Urban Affairs Committee of the Legislature may confer with community leaders, reentry support organizations, housing experts, housing providers, parole officers, public safety officials, system-impacted people, property managers, landlords, state and local agencies, and other relevant partners to determine how to best align Nebraska policy with best practices.

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

1. That the Urban Affairs 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 245. Introduced by Spivey, 13; Storer, 43.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this resolution is to propose an interim study to examine the feasibility, accessibility, and potential benefits of licensed freestanding birth centers in Nebraska. This study shall assess how birth centers improve maternal health outcomes, expand access to care, and offer safe, cost-effective alternatives for low-risk pregnancies.

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

- (1) Reviewing Nebraska's current statutes, regulations, and licensure requirements related to the establishment and operation of birth centers;
- (2) Reviewing access to perinatal care across Nebraska especially in rural and low-income geographies;
- (3) Analyzing and reviewing regulatory models from other states;
- (4) Reviewing the impact of birth centers on maternal and child health outcomes, patient satisfaction, and cost of care;
- (5) Identifying factors for implementation, including financial, regulatory, and geographic implication; and
- (6) Exploring the role of state policy in birth center regulation, access to care, and other health impacts.

In conducting this interim study, the Health and Human Services Committee of the Legislature may confer with families, healthcare providers, public health experts, relevant state agencies, and community organizations to assess the impacts and viability of birth centers as a component of Nebraska's maternal healthcare infrastructure.

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

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 246. Introduced by Spivey, 13.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this resolution is to propose an interim study to examine the use of juvenile restrictive housing and room confinement in Nebraska, including its frequency, impact, and alignment with existing state law and evidence-based best practices.

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

(1) Reviewing Nebraska statutes, regulations, and departmental policies governing the use and oversight of juvenile restrictive housing and room confinement;

(2) Evaluating trends and operational challenges identified in recent annual reports from the office of Inspector General of Nebraska Child Welfare;

(3) Researching the psychological and developmental impacts of confinement on youth, particularly vulnerable populations including, but not limited to, those with mental health needs or prior trauma;

(4) Reviewing alternatives to confinement, including evidence-based behavioral interventions, mental health supports, and less restrictive options; and

(5) Analyzing best practices and oversight models from other states that have successfully reduced reliance on restrictive housing; and

(6) Reviewing the data collection practices and structures across youth detention centers and youth rehabilitation and treatment centers on the use of room confinement and restrictive housing.

In conducting this interim study, the Judiciary Committee of the Legislature may confer with youth service agencies, detention facility administrators, state agencies, system-impacted youth, and other partners to ensure that Nebraska policies align with the best interests of involved youth.

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.

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 247. Introduced by Spivey, 13.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this resolution is to propose an interim study to examine the continued use of restrictive housing and solitary confinement in Nebraska's correctional facilities, particularly the application to vulnerable populations and compliance with existing state law.

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

- (1) Reviewing Nebraska's current statutes, regulations, and departmental policies regarding restrictive housing and solitary confinement;
- (2) Evaluating the frequency, and under what circumstances, vulnerable individuals are placed in restrictive housing;
- (3) Assessing compliance with prior legislative reforms and any gaps between the law and current practice; and
- (4) Reviewing potential benefits of proposed reforms and best evidence-based practices.

In conducting this interim study, the Judiciary Committee of the Legislature may confer with the Department of Correctional Services, advocacy groups, public health experts, system-impacted individuals, and other stakeholders to develop evidence-based policy recommendations that improve safety and align to evidence-based best practices.

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.

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 248. Introduced by von Gillern, 4.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this resolution is to propose an interim study to examine State Capitol building improvements.

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

- (1) Examining state building codes and whether the State Capitol building environment is a safe and productive workspace;
- (2) Exploring the feasibility of improving the lighting system throughout the building;
- (3) Examining the ergonomics of chairs, desks, and workstations;

(4) Exploring the feasibility and need for updated restroom sanitation and plumbing devices to protect public health;

(5) Improving the safety of building exits, specifically door spaces and staircases; and

(6) Considering any other health, support, safety, or occupational concerns.

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

1. That the Executive Board of the Legislative Council shall be designated to conduct an interim study to carry out the purposes of this resolution.

2. That the board 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.

BILLS ON FINAL READING

Dispense With Reading at Large

Pursuant to Rule 6, Sec. 8, the Legislature approved the dispensing of the reading at large of LB260 with 43 ayes, 0 nays, 5 present and not voting, and 1 excused and not voting.

The following bill was put upon final passage:

LEGISLATIVE BILL 260. With Emergency Clause.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to appropriations; to amend section 90-562, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; Laws 2023, LB814, section 150; Laws 2024, LB1087A, section 2; Laws 2024, LB1329A, section 6; and Laws 2024, LB1412, sections 53, 69, and 110; to define terms; to provide, change, and eliminate appropriations for operation of state government; to change a transfer of funds; to repeal the original sections; and to declare an emergency.

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

Voting in the affirmative, 41:

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

Voting in the negative, 7:

Cavanaugh, J.	Conrad	Hunt	McKinney
Cavanaugh, M.	Dungan	Juarez	

Excused and not voting, 1:

Guereca

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

The following bill was read and put upon final passage:

LEGISLATIVE BILL 262. With Emergency Clause.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to appropriations; to appropriate funds for the payment of salaries of members of the Nebraska Legislature and payments to be made as provided by Chapter 68, article 6, for FY2025-26 and FY2026-27; to provide an operative date; and to declare an emergency.

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

Voting in the affirmative, 40:

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

Voting in the negative, 9:

Cavanaugh, J.	Conrad	Fredrickson*	Juarez	Riepe*
Cavanaugh, M.	Dungan	Hunt	McKinney	

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

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

Dispense With Reading at Large

Pursuant to Rule 6, Sec. 8, the Legislature approved the dispensing of the reading at large of LB263 with 43 ayes, 1 nay, and 5 present and not voting.

The following bill was put upon final passage:

LEGISLATIVE BILL 263. With Emergency Clause.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to appropriations; to appropriate funds for the payment of the salaries and benefits of certain state officers for FY2025-26 and FY2026-27; to define terms; to provide an operative date; and to declare an emergency.

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

Voting in the affirmative, 42:

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

Voting in the negative, 7:

Cavanaugh, J.	Conrad	Hunt	McKinney
Cavanaugh, M.	Dungan	Juarez*	

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

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

MOTION(S) - Return LB534 to Select File

Senator Hunt moved to return LB534 to Select File for the following specific amendment:

[AM1480](#)

(Amendments to Final Reading copy)

1 1. On page 2, lines 1 and 2; page 3, lines 3 and 4; page 4, lines 3
2 and 4; and page 5, lines 24 and 25, strike ", or so much thereof as may
3 be required.".

Senator Hunt withdrew her motion to return.

The Hunt amendment, AM1480, was not considered.

Senator Hunt moved to return LB534 to Select File for the following specific amendment:

[AM1481](#)

(Amendments to Final Reading copy)

1 1. Insert the following new section:
2 Sec. 7. No funds shall be appropriated for future or retroactive
3 claims by the Attorney General for actions filed, litigated, or settled
4 in court, which attempt to or result in an overturning of statutes or
5 initiative laws.
6 2. On page 1, line 4, after the semicolon insert "to prohibit the
7 appropriation of funds as provided;".
8 3. Renumber the remaining section accordingly.

Senator Hunt withdrew her motion to return.

The Hunt amendment, AM1481, was not considered.

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

Pursuant to Rule 6, Sec. 8, the Legislature approved the dispensing of the reading at large of LB534 with 46 ayes, 1 nay, and 2 present and not voting.

The following bill was put upon final passage:

LEGISLATIVE BILL 534. With Emergency Clause.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to claims against the state; to appropriate funds for the payment of certain claims; to provide for payment of the claims; to authorize agencies to write off certain claims as prescribed; and to declare an emergency.

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

Voting in the affirmative, 49:

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

Voting in the negative, 0.

Not voting, 0.

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

Dispense With Reading at Large

Pursuant to Rule 6, Sec. 8, the Legislature approved the dispensing of the reading at large of LB69 with 41 ayes, 0 nays, and 8 present and not voting.

The following bill was put upon final passage:

LEGISLATIVE BILL 69.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to the Commission on African American Affairs; to amend sections 81-2601, 81-2602, 81-2603, 81-2604, 81-2606, and 81-2607, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; to change provisions relating to membership, purpose, powers, duties, meetings, and reports; to harmonize provisions; and to repeal the original sections.

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

Voting in the affirmative, 45:

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

Voting in the negative, 3:

Lippincott* McKeon* Sanders*

Excused and not voting, 1:

DeBoer

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

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

The following bill was read and put upon final passage:

LEGISLATIVE BILL 120.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to the Motor Vehicle Operator's License Act; to amend section 60-484.02, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024; to provide an exception for when a digital image may be released; to harmonize provisions; and to repeal the original section.

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

Voting in the affirmative, 47:

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

Voting in the negative, 0.

Excused and not voting, 2:

Cavanaugh, M. DeBoer

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

Dispense With Reading at Large

Pursuant to Rule 6, Sec. 8, the Legislature approved the dispensing of the reading at large of LB385 with 43 ayes, 1 nay, 3 present and not voting, and 2 excused and not voting.

The following bill was put upon final passage:

LEGISLATIVE BILL 385.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to the Uniform Deceptive Trade Practices Act; to amend section 87-302, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; to change provisions relating to deceptive trade practices; and to repeal the original section.

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

Voting in the affirmative, 47:

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

Voting in the negative, 0.

Excused and not voting, 2:

Cavanaugh, M. DeBoer

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

The following bills were read and put upon final passage:

LEGISLATIVE BILL 470.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to unsworn declarations; to provide for attorneys to make unsworn declarations under penalty of perjury in lieu of sworn declarations; and to provide declaration language.

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

Voting in the affirmative, 47:

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

Voting in the negative, 0.

Excused and not voting, 2:

Cavanaugh, M. DeBoer

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

LEGISLATIVE BILL 614.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to cities and villages; to amend sections 16-901 and 17-1001, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; to restate exemptions for farm buildings within the extraterritorial zoning jurisdiction; and to repeal the original sections.

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

Voting in the affirmative, 47:

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

Voting in the negative, 0.

Excused and not voting, 2:

Cavanaugh, M. DeBoer

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

PRESIDENT SIGNED

While the Legislature was in session and capable of transacting business, the President signed the following: LBs 261e, 264e, 260e, 262e, 263e, 534e, 69, 120, 385, 470, and 614.

SELECT FILE

LEGISLATIVE BILL 371. Advanced to Enrollment and Review for Engrossment.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 490. [ER82](#), found on page 1454, was offered.

ER82 was adopted.

Advanced to Enrollment and Review for Engrossment.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 422. Advanced to Enrollment and Review for Engrossment.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 499. [ER81](#), found on page 1454, was offered.

ER81 was adopted.

Advanced to Enrollment and Review for Engrossment.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 558. Advanced to Enrollment and Review for Engrossment.

COMMITTEE REPORT(S) Education

LEGISLATIVE BILL 303. Placed on General File with amendment.

[AM1350](#)

1 1. Strike the original sections and insert the following new
2 sections:
3 Section 1. (1) The School Financing Review Commission is created.
4 The commission shall consist of eighteen members, including:
5 (a) The Commissioner of Education or a designee of the Commissioner
6 of Education;
7 (b) The Property Tax Administrator or a designee of the Property Tax
8 Administrator;
9 (c) One representative of the Governor appointed by the Governor;
10 (d) Three members of the Legislature, who shall be nonvoting members
11 of the commission, one from each congressional district with no more than
12 two from the same political party and with one being a member of the
13 Education Committee of the Legislature and one being a member of the
14 Revenue Committee of the Legislature;
15 (e) One member who is a representative of postsecondary education
16 with expertise in school finance;
17 (f) Four members who are superintendents or school board members
18 representing a Class I, II, or III school district. There shall be at
19 least one member appointed pursuant to this subdivision (1)(f)
20 representing each class of school district. Of the members appointed
21 pursuant to this subdivision (1)(f), no more than two members shall
22 represent the same class of school district, no more than three members
23 may be superintendents, and no more than three members may be school
24 board members;
25 (g) One member that is a representative of a Class IV school
26 district and one member that is a representative of a Class V school
27 district. One member appointed pursuant to this subdivision (1)(g) shall
1 be a school board member of the school district being represented and the
2 other member appointed pursuant to this subdivision (1)(g) shall be a
3 school administrator in the other school district being represented; and
4 (h) Five members appointed from the state at large, which shall
5 include (i) at least one individual having experience in business, (ii)
6 at least one individual having experience in farming, (iii) at least one
7 individual teaching as a certified teacher in a public school, and (iv)
8 two other individuals. Members appointed pursuant to subdivision (i) and

9 (ii) of this subdivision (1)(h) may be retired.

10 (2)(a) The members described in subdivision (1)(d) of this section
11 shall be appointed by the Executive Board of the Legislative Council in
12 January of each odd-numbered year for two-year terms, except that the
13 initial members shall be appointed within thirty days after the effective
14 date of this act and shall serve until their successors are appointed in
15 January 2027.

16 (b) The members described in subdivisions (1)(a) through (c) of this
17 section shall serve as ex officio members of the commission.

18 (3) The members described in subdivisions (1)(e) through (h) of this
19 section shall be appointed by the Governor within thirty days after the
20 effective date of this act. Initial appointees under this subsection
21 shall serve terms as described in subsection (4) of this section.
22 Thereafter, such members shall serve terms of three years, and any
23 vacancy shall be filled by the Governor for the remainder of the vacated
24 term. For purposes of determining term length and expiration of such
25 terms, the initial terms for such members shall begin thirty days after
26 the effective date of this act.

27 (4)(a) The initial terms for members described in subdivisions (1)
28 (e) through (h) of this section shall be as follows:

29 (i) The member appointed pursuant to subdivision (1)(e) of this
30 section, one member described in subdivision (1)(g) of this section, and
31 one member described in subdivision (1)(h) of this section shall serve a
1 three-year term;

2 (ii) Two members described in subdivision (1)(f) of this section,
3 one member described in subdivision (1)(g) of this section, and one
4 member described in subdivision (1)(h) shall serve an initial term of two
5 years; and

6 (iii) Two members described in subdivision (1)(f) of this section
7 and three members described in subdivision (1)(h) of this section shall
8 serve an initial term of one year.

9 (b) The Governor shall, upon appointment, designate the initial term
10 for the members appointed subject to subdivision (4)(a) of this section.

11 (5) If at any point a member no longer meets the qualification for
12 such member's position on the commission, such member shall vacate
13 membership on the commission. Any vacancy in the commission shall be
14 filled in the same manner and same qualification as the original
15 appointment.

16 (6) A member of the commission appointed pursuant to subsection (3)
17 of this section shall not receive any compensation for services as a
18 member but shall be reimbursed for expenses incurred as a member of the
19 commission as provided in sections 81-1174 to 81-1177.

20 (7) The Commissioner of Education or the designee of the
21 Commissioner of Education shall be the chairperson of the commission, and
22 the commission shall elect a vice-chairperson from among its members.

23 (8) The commission shall meet at least four times a year and at
24 least once per calendar quarter.

25 (9) The State Department of Education may provide staff to assist
26 the commission as needed and requested by the chairperson of the
27 commission in accordance with guidelines developed by the commission. The
28 commission may also obtain assistance from the State Department of
29 Education, the Department of Revenue, and the Legislative Fiscal Analyst
30 in acquiring the data needed to carry out its duties.

31 (10) For administrative purposes, the commission shall be housed
1 within the State Department of Education.

2 Sec. 2. (1)(a) The purpose of the School Financing Review Commission
3 is to study and provide advisory recommendations relating to school
4 funding in Nebraska. The commission shall:

5 (i) Evaluate the school funding formula for education under the Tax
6 Equity and Educational Opportunities Support Act and make recommendations

7 for adjustments or changes to such formula that may be necessary to help
 8 prevent the increase of property taxes;
 9 (ii) Regularly review the resources side of the formula under the
 10 Tax Equity and Educational Opportunities Support Act;
 11 (iii) Regularly review the needs side of the formula under the Tax
 12 Equity and Educational Opportunities Support Act;
 13 (iv) Analyze options for how to minimize the negative impact on
 14 schools during times when the state may be unable to fully fund the
 15 formula under the Tax Equity and Educational Opportunities Support Act;
 16 (v) Analyze the impact of funding for education on student
 17 achievement and outcomes, focusing on, but not limited to: Access to
 18 early childhood education; student attendance; literacy; graduation rate;
 19 college-going rate; and postsecondary workforce participation; and
 20 (vi) Analyze the impact of funding for education on issues and
 21 resources impacting students with relatively high needs, including, but
 22 not limited to, students who live in areas of high concentrations of
 23 poverty, students with an individualized education program, and students
 24 with limited English proficiency.
 25 (b) The School Financing Review Commission, to the extent it is
 26 practical, shall compare findings from subdivision (1)(a) of this section
 27 to similar policies from other states.
 28 (2) By December 1, 2025, and by November 1 of each year thereafter,
 29 the commission shall prepare and electronically deliver to the Clerk of
 30 the Legislature an annual report with the observations and
 31 recommendations developed pursuant to subsection (1) of this section.
 1 Sec. 3. Since an emergency exists, this act takes effect when passed
 2 and approved according to law.

AMENDMENT(S) - Print in Journal

Senator Hunt filed the following amendment to LB532:

AM1483

(Amendments to Standing Committee amendments, AM692)

1 1. On page 2, line 25, strike "five hundred" and insert "two hundred
 2 fifty"; in line 27 strike "one thousand" and insert "five hundred"; and
 3 in line 30 strike "two thousand five hundred" and insert "one thousand
 4 two hundred fifty".

Senator Hunt filed the following amendment to LB353:

AM1475

1 1. Strike original section 4.

RESOLUTION(S)

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 249. Introduced by Cavanaugh, M., 6.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this resolution is to propose an interim study to examine the feasibility and potential benefits of establishing a ways and means committee to enhance coordination and collaboration between the Revenue Committee of the Legislature and the Appropriations Committee of the Legislature, in order to create a more integrated and balanced approach to the state's budgeting process.

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

(1) Examining the current roles and responsibilities of the Revenue Committee of the Legislature and the Appropriations Committee of the

Legislature, including areas of jurisdictional overlap and how these affect the efficiency and transparency of the budget process;

(2) Examining the timing and alignment of revenue forecasting and budget setting processes, including the interaction between the Nebraska Economic Forecasting Advisory Board's schedule and the legislative appropriations timeline;

(3) Studying best practices from other states and governmental bodies, particularly those with a functioning ways and means committee or equivalent structures that integrate tax policy, revenue forecasting, and appropriations oversight;

(4) Determining potential duties and scope of a ways and means committee, including recommendations on how such a body could improve coordination, policy alignment, and strategic planning in budget matters;

(5) Examining opportunities to improve procedures related to revenue estimation, budget development, and legislative oversight of appropriations; and

(6) Considering recommendations for a model budget process for the Legislature, including proposed reforms that align with nationally recognized public finance standards and government accountability best practices.

In conducting this interim study, the Executive Board of the Legislative Council may confer with legislative staff, policy experts, representatives of the Department of Administrative Services and the Legislative Fiscal Office, and other stakeholders with relevant expertise in public finance, legislative budgeting, and tax policy.

The Executive Board of the Legislative Council may consult with and request the assistance of the Revenue Committee of the Legislature and the Appropriations Committee of the Legislature, the Legislative Fiscal Office, and other legislative committees as appropriate.

The Executive Board of the Legislative Council shall prepare and submit a report with its findings and recommendations to the Legislature or the Executive Board by December 15, 2025.

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

1. That the Executive Board of the Legislative Council shall be designated to conduct an interim study to carry out the purposes of this resolution.

2. That the board 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 250. Introduced by Andersen, 49; Cavanaugh, J., 9; Hunt, 8; Lonowski, 33; McKeon, 41; Wordekemper, 15.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this resolution is to propose an interim study to examine whether power companies should be exempt from the Secure

Drone Purchasing Act. The study should also include an examination as to whether requirements of the North American Electric Reliability Corporation are sufficient to meet the intent of the Secure Drone Purchasing Act.

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

1. That the Government, Military and Veterans Affairs 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 251. Introduced by Guereca, 7.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this resolution is to propose an interim study to examine the adequacy and accessibility of transportation options for people with disabilities in Nebraska and to improve transportation options and address systemic barriers that exist for people with disabilities.

The study shall focus on, but need not be limited to, an examination of the following:

(1) Federal or state legislation, regulations, or policies that address the accessibility and operation of public and private transportation systems for people with disabilities;

(2) The adequacy, consistency, and reliability of public and private transportation systems that serve people with disabilities;

(3) The design and availability of routes and service hours, including time spent in transit;

(4) Funding and finance options that could be used to improve transportation for people with disabilities; and

(5) Laws, regulations, policies, and programs in other states that have improved public and private transportation for people with disabilities.

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

1. That the Transportation and Telecommunications 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 252. Introduced by Brandt, 32; Andersen, 49; Arch, 14; Armendariz, 18; Ballard, 21; Bosn, 25; Bostar, 29;

Cavanaugh, J., 9; Cavanaugh, M., 6; Clements, 2; Clouse, 37; Conrad, 46; DeBoer, 10; DeKay, 40; Dorn, 30; Dover, 19; Dungan, 26; Fredrickson, 20; Guereca, 7; Hallstrom, 1; Hansen, 16; Hardin, 48; Holdcroft, 36; Hughes, 24; Hunt, 8; Ibach, 44; Jacobson, 42; Juarez, 5; Kauth, 31; Lippincott, 34; Lonowski, 33; McKeon, 41; McKinney, 11; Meyer, 17; Moser, 22; Murman, 38; Prokop, 27; Quick, 35; Raybould, 28; Riepe, 12; Rountree, 3; Sanders, 45; Sorrentino, 39; Spivey, 13; Storer, 43; Storm, 23; Strommen, 47; von Gillern, 4; Wordekemper, 15.

WHEREAS, Erwin H. Schopp, of Plymouth, Nebraska, was captured and died as a prisoner of war during World War II and has since been accounted for on January 24, 2025; and

WHEREAS, Schopp was a member of Headquarters Battery, 59th Coastal Artillery Regiment during the invasion on the Philippine Islands by the Japanese in December 1941; and

WHEREAS, Schopp was among the thousands of United States and Filipino service members who were then captured and interned at POW camps; and

WHEREAS, Schopp died on January 1, 1943, where he was believed to be held at Cabanatuan POW camp and was buried in the local Cabanatuan Camp Cemetery in Common Grave 822; and

WHEREAS, the Legislature recognizes that the Defense POW/MIA Accounting Agency has never stopped looking for fallen military to respect the fallen and their families, friends, and communities.

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

1. That the Legislature thanks Erwin H. Schopp for his service to the United States.
2. That a copy of this resolution be sent to the family of Erwin H. Schopp.

Laid over.

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 253. Introduced by Hardin, 48.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this resolution is to propose an interim study to examine the county initiative and referendum process as proposed by LB629, One Hundred Ninth Legislature.

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

1. That the Government, Military and Veterans Affairs 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 254. Introduced by Clements, 2.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this resolution is to propose an interim study to examine potential adjustments to the collection of motor vehicle tax, motor vehicle tax distribution schemes, motor vehicle fees, and other revenue sources due to the potential elimination of the Nebraska inheritance tax. The study shall include, but need not be limited to, an examination of the following:

(1) The current motor vehicle tax distribution, motor vehicle fees and distribution, civil fees and other revenue sources;

(2) The potential adjustment to such current revenue sources to provide adequate funds for necessary county government duties and services; and

(3) The potential elimination of unnecessary costly statutory requirements for counties related to motor vehicles.

In conducting this interim study, the Transportation and Telecommunications Committee of the Legislature may confer with other standing committees of the Legislature, state agencies, county officials and employees, and other stakeholders.

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

1. That the Transportation and Telecommunications 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 255. Introduced by Andersen, 49; Bostar, 29; Dungan, 26; Ibach, 44; Kauth, 31; Sorrentino, 39.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this resolution is to propose an interim study to examine the fiscal, constitutional, and administrative implications of adopting Legislative Resolution 12CA, One Hundred Ninth Legislature, First Session, 2025, as amended by proposed amendment AM1101, which proposes significant reforms to Nebraska's property tax system and underlying constitutional language. The study shall include, but need not be limited to, an examination of the following:

(1) The fiscal and distributional impacts of capping the annual increase in property taxes levied on any parcel of real property by the allowable growth percentage, defined as the lesser of three percent or the Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers;

(2) The legal and constitutional implications of substituting the current uniform and proportional clause of Article VIII, section 1, of the Constitution of Nebraska, with a system that establishes full taxable value

based on the 2025 assessed value or purchase price following a change of ownership;

(3) The practical challenges and administrative viability of implementing a static assessed value system for real property, including mechanisms for adjustment upon sale or new construction;

(4) The impact of such a system on taxpayer equity, particularly among similarly situated properties with different ownership timelines, and the resultant tax disparities;

(5) The implications of the proposed valuation structure on revenue predictability and budgeting processes for schools, counties, municipalities, and other local political subdivisions;

(6) The definition clarity and scope of terms, including, but not limited to, "purchase", "change of ownership", and "new construction", and the exemption for spousal transfers;

(7) The comparative evaluation of similar models in other states, such as California's Proposition 13, Florida's Save Our Homes amendment, and Oklahoma's property tax limitations, and the lessons they may offer for Nebraska;

(8) The potential impact on housing affordability and accessibility for young people, first-time homebuyers, fixed-income homeowners, and individuals attempting to enter the housing market during a period of high home prices and limited supply;

(9) The effects on agricultural producers and rural landowners, particularly regarding the classification, valuation, and long-term tax obligations for farmland and horticultural property; and

(10) Stakeholder concerns and input from assessors, local governments, school districts, taxpayer advocacy organizations, and the Department of Revenue regarding feasibility and unintended consequences.

In conducting this interim study, the Revenue Committee may consult with legal experts, tax policy professionals, economists, state agencies, and relevant stakeholders to ensure a comprehensive evaluation of the proposed reforms.

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

1. That the Revenue 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 256. Introduced by Bostar, 29.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this resolution is to propose an interim study to examine the trend of increasing numbers of Nebraska voters who register as nonpartisan and how these voters are currently restricted from fully

participating in partisan primary elections for some statewide, federal, and local offices.

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

(1) Examining potential legislative reforms to allow fuller access to all registered voters to all elections administered with taxpayer dollars;

(2) Examining the increase in the number of Nebraska voters registered as nonpartisan;

(3) Examining Nebraska's history of openness to nonpartisan access in state and local elections, including the shift to a nonpartisan unicameral legislature;

(4) Considering the impact of elections with closed primaries on political competitiveness;

(5) Determining the public cost of administering closed partisan primary elections; and

(6) Considering potential reforms to provide full and fair ballot access in primary elections to nonpartisan voters.

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

1. That the Government, Military and Veterans Affairs 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 257. Introduced by Bostar, 29.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this resolution is to propose an interim study to examine foreign and domestic threats to Nebraska agriculture, including foreign influence on the economic stability of the state and its agricultural industries, international policy trends undermining modern agricultural practices, and vulnerabilities of agricultural industries and critical infrastructure to influence from foreign adversaries.

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 258. Introduced by Armendariz, 18; Storer, 43.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this resolution is to propose an interim study to examine a philanthropic endowment and location to host a week-long camp for children nine to twelve years of age who live in low-income urban areas in order to give them an opportunity to experience and learn about agriculture and agriculture careers to potentially address workforce issues in rural areas.

The study shall focus on, but need not be limited to, the following:

- (1) Assessing the educational, workforce, and social benefits of exposing urban youth to agriculture through camp programs;
- (2) Identifying successful models of or partnerships with universities, non-profits, or local farms and ranches in Nebraska or other states;
- (3) Evaluating options for curriculum development, accessibility, cultural inclusivity, and program delivery;
- (4) Determining potential funding sources, including state support, federal grants, or private sector contributions; and
- (5) Considering pilot program implementation in urban centers such as Omaha, Lincoln, or Grand Island.

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 259. Introduced by Armendariz, 18; Storer, 43.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this resolution is to propose an interim study to examine the feasibility, benefits, and framework for establishing a high school agriculture student exchange program within Nebraska modeled after foreign student exchange programs to foster cross-regional learning, cultural exchange, and deeper appreciation for Nebraska's agricultural heritage and rural life.

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

- (1) The feasibility and structure of such a program, including exchange duration, school credit recognition, and housing arrangements;
- (2) The potential for collaboration with local school districts, the State Department of Education, the Department of Agriculture, the Cooperative Extension Service of the University of Nebraska, including the state 4-H program, and Future Farmers of America;
- (3) The benefits to student participants, host communities, and Nebraska's agricultural education system;
- (4) Potential models, including urban-to-rural exchanges within Nebraska, as well as interstate exchanges with other agricultural regions;

(5) Considerations to ensure student participation from low-income urban areas; and

(6) Potential funding sources, including state appropriations, federal grants, and private sponsorships.

In conducting this interim study, the Education Committee of the Legislature may confer with other standing committees of the Legislature, state agencies, and other stakeholders.

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

1. That the Education 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 260. Introduced by Dover, 19.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this resolution is to propose an interim study to determine the return on investment per kilowatt hour for businesses that choose to locate and set up their businesses in Nebraska. The study shall include, but need not be limited to, an examination of the following:

- (1) Real property taxes;
- (2) Personal property taxes;
- (3) Sales tax based on construction costs, purchase of raw materials and business products, purchases by employees, and sales tax collected on products sold;
- (4) Income based on employees;
- (5) How the businesses that relocate to Nebraska due to tax treatment impact the return on investment; and
- (6) Any other benefits to the state due to both the growth of supply and demand of energy in the State of Nebraska.

This study shall also examine the potential economic offset associated with the buildout of energy infrastructure, including generation and transmission, necessary to supply sufficient kilowattage to users locating in Nebraska, including the same economic factors described herein in addition to the nameplate capacity tax.

In conducting this interim study, the Revenue Committee of the Legislature may confer with other standing committees of the Legislature, state agencies, county officials and employees, and other stakeholders.

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

1. That the Revenue 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 261. Introduced by Ibach, 44; Bostar, 29; Dorn, 30; Dungan, 26; Kauth, 31.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this resolution is to propose an interim study to examine the fiscal impact of unfunded, statutorily mandated tuition and fee waivers on Nebraska's public university, state colleges, community colleges, and the Coordinating Commission for Postsecondary Education and to assess the broader implications of these waivers and the lack of corresponding state appropriation funding for the lost tuition and fee revenue on students, institutional budgets, and the state's higher education systems. This study shall include, but need not be limited to, the examination of:

- (1) The financial impact of such unfunded, mandated tuition waivers on public higher education institutions;
- (2) The long-term sustainability of such waivers;
- (3) The degree to which such waivers support Nebraska's strategic workforce development objectives; and
- (4) Legislative solutions, including Legislative Bill 307, One Hundred Ninth Legislature, First Session, 2025, and funding mechanisms to ensure that such programs do not unduly burden Nebraska's public universities and colleges.

In conducting this interim study, the Appropriations Committee of the Legislature may create a working group composed of representatives from the University of Nebraska, state colleges, community colleges, the Coordinating Commission for Postsecondary Education, the Nebraska Statewide Workforce and Education Reporting System, and other relevant education and legislative stakeholders to identify key issues, gather input from affected parties, and propose potential solutions.

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

1. That the Appropriations 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.

VISITOR(S)

Visitors to the Chamber were students from Conestoga Elementary, Murray; students, teacher, and sponsor from Northeast High School, Lincoln; Students and teachers from Columbian Elementary, Omaha; Johanna Anderson and Evelyn Anderson, Omaha; students from Thedford Elementary, Thedford.

ADJOURNMENT

At 11:54 a.m., on a motion by Senator J. Cavanaugh the Legislature adjourned until 9:00 a.m., Monday, May 19, 2025.

Brandon Metzler
Clerk of the Legislature

