

**THIRTEENTH DAY - JANUARY 26, 2026****LEGISLATIVE JOURNAL****ONE HUNDRED NINTH LEGISLATURE  
SECOND SESSION****THIRTEENTH DAY**

Legislative Chamber, Lincoln, Nebraska  
Monday, January 26, 2026

**PRAYER**

The prayer was offered by Senator Moser.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

The Pledge of Allegiance was offered by Senator Wordekemper.

**ROLL CALL**

Pursuant to adjournment, the Legislature met at 10:00 a.m., President Kelly presiding.

The roll was called and all members were present except Senator Jacobson who was excused; and Senators Bostar, Hughes, Hunt, Juarez, and Lonowski who were excused until they arrive.

**CORRECTIONS FOR THE JOURNAL**

Page 427, strike lines 3 through 5.

Page 477, add on lines 49 and 50, Hawks, James W-State Highway  
Commission-Transportation and Telecommunications;

Mello, Heath-State Highway Commission-Transportation and  
Telecommunications

The tenth day was approved as corrected.

The twelfth day was approved as corrected.

**COMMITTEE REPORT(S)**  
Enrollment and Review

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

**ER96**

1. Strike the original sections and all amendments thereto and
- 2 insert the following new sections:
- 3 Section 1. Section 77-1633, Revised Statutes Supplement, 2025, is
- 4 amended to read:

5 77-1633 (1) For purposes of this section, political subdivision  
6 means any county, city, or school district.  
7 (2) If any political subdivision seeks to increase its property tax  
8 request by more than the allowable growth percentage, such political  
9 subdivision may do so, subject to the limitations provided in the School  
10 District Property Tax Limitation Act and the Property Tax Growth  
11 Limitation Act, if the following requirements are met:  
12 (a) A public hearing is held and notice of such hearing is provided  
13 in compliance with subsection (3) of this section; and  
14 (b) The governing body of such political subdivision passes a  
15 resolution or an ordinance that complies with subsection (4) of this  
16 section.  
17 (3)(a) Each political subdivision within a county that seeks to  
18 increase its property tax request by more than the allowable growth  
19 percentage shall participate in a joint public hearing. Each such  
20 political subdivision shall designate one representative to attend the  
21 joint public hearing on behalf of the political subdivision. If a  
22 political subdivision includes area in more than one county, the  
23 political subdivision shall be deemed to be within the county in which  
24 the political subdivision's principal headquarters are located. At such  
25 hearing, there shall be no items on the agenda other than discussion on  
26 each political subdivision's intent to increase its property tax request  
27 by more than the allowable growth percentage.  
1 (b) At least one voting member of the governing body of elected  
2 official from each participating political subdivision shall attend the  
3 joint public hearing. The county assessor of the county hosting the  
4 hearing shall attend. An elected official may be the designated  
5 representative from a participating political subdivision. The presence  
6 of a quorum or the participation of elected officials at the joint public  
7 hearing does not constitute a meeting as defined by section 84-1409 of  
8 the Open Meetings Act.  
9 (c) The joint public hearing shall be held on or after September 14  
10 and prior to September 24 and before any of the participating political  
11 subdivisions file their adopted budget statement pursuant to section  
12 13-508.  
13 (d) The joint public hearing shall be held after 6 p.m. local time  
14 on the relevant date.  
15 (e) The joint public hearing shall be organized by the county clerk  
16 or his or her designee. At the joint public hearing, the designated  
17 representative of each political subdivision shall give a brief  
18 presentation on the political subdivision's intent to increase its  
19 property tax request by more than the allowable growth percentage and the  
20 effect of such request on the political subdivision's budget. The  
21 presentation shall include:  
22 (i) The name of the political subdivision;  
23 (ii) The amount of the property tax request; and  
24 (iii) The following statements:  
25 (A) The total assessed value of property differs from last year's  
26 total assessed value by ..... percent;  
27 (B) The tax rate which would levy the same amount of property taxes  
28 as last year, when multiplied by the new total assessed value of  
29 property, would be \$..... per \$100 of assessed value;  
30 (C) The (name of political subdivision) proposes to adopt a property  
31 tax request that will cause its tax rate to be \$..... per \$100 of  
1 assessed value;  
2 (D) Based on the proposed property tax request and changes in other  
3 revenue, the total operating budget of (name of political subdivision)  
4 will exceed last year's by ..... percent; and  
5 (E) To obtain more information regarding the increase in the  
6 property tax request, citizens may contact the (name of political

7 subdivision) at (telephone number and email address of political  
8 subdivision).

9 (f) Any member of the public shall be allowed to speak at the joint  
10 public hearing and shall be given a reasonable amount of time to do so.

11 (g) Notice of the joint public hearing shall be provided:

12 (i) By sending a postcard to all affected property taxpayers. The  
13 postcard shall be sent to the name and address to which the property tax  
14 statement is mailed;

15 (ii) By posting notice of the hearing on the home page of the  
16 relevant county's website, except that this requirement shall only apply  
17 if the county has a population of more than ten thousand inhabitants; and

18 (iii) By publishing notice of the hearing in a legal newspaper in or  
19 of general circulation in the relevant county.

20 (h) Each political subdivision that participates in the joint public  
21 hearing shall electronically send the information prescribed in  
22 subdivision (3)(i) of this section to the county assessor by September 4.

23 The county clerk shall notify the county assessor of the date, time, and  
24 location of the joint public hearing no later than September 4. The  
25 county clerk shall notify each participating political subdivision of the  
26 date, time, and location of the joint public hearing. The county assessor  
27 shall send the information required to be included on the postcards  
28 pursuant to subdivision (3)(i) of this section to a printing service  
29 designated by the county board. The initial cost for printing the  
30 postcards shall be paid from the county general fund. Such postcards  
31 shall be mailed at least seven calendar days before the joint public  
1 hearing. The cost of creating and mailing the postcards, including staff  
2 time, materials, and postage, shall be charged proportionately to the  
3 political subdivisions participating in the joint public hearing based on  
4 the total number of parcels in each participating political subdivision.

5 Each participating political subdivision shall also maintain a  
6 prominently displayed and easily accessible link on the home page of the  
7 political subdivision's website to the political subdivision's proposed  
8 budget, except that this requirement shall not apply if the political  
9 subdivision is a county with a population of less than ten thousand  
10 inhabitants, a city with a population of less than one thousand  
11 inhabitants, or, for joint public hearings prior to January 1, 2024, a  
12 school district.

13 (i) The postcard sent under this subsection and the notice posted on  
14 the county's website, if required under subdivision (3)(g)(ii) of this  
15 section, and published in the newspaper shall include the date, time, and  
16 location for the joint public hearing, a listing of and telephone number  
17 for each political subdivision that will be participating in the joint  
18 public hearing, and the amount of each participating political  
19 subdivision's property tax request. The postcard shall also contain the  
20 following information:

21 (i) The following words in capitalized type at the top of the  
22 postcard: NOTICE OF PROPOSED TAX INCREASE;

23 (ii) The name of the county that will hold the joint public hearing,  
24 which shall appear directly underneath the capitalized words described in  
25 subdivision (3)(i)(i) of this section;

26 (iii) The following statement: The following political subdivisions  
27 are proposing a revenue increase which would result in an overall  
28 increase in property taxes in (insert current tax year). THE ACTUAL TAX  
29 ON YOUR PROPERTY MAY INCREASE OR DECREASE. This notice contains estimates  
30 of the tax on your property as a result of this revenue increase. These  
31 estimates are calculated on the basis of the proposed (insert current tax  
1 year) data. The actual tax on your property may vary from these  
2 estimates.

3 (iv) The parcel number for the property;

4 (v) The name of the property owner and the address of the property;

5 (vi) The property's assessed value in the previous tax year;  
6 (vii) The amount of property taxes due in the previous tax year for  
7 each participating political subdivision;  
8 (viii) The property's assessed value for the current tax year;  
9 (ix) The amount of property taxes due for the current tax year for  
10 each participating political subdivision;  
11 (x) The change in the amount of property taxes due for each  
12 participating political subdivision from the previous tax year to the  
13 current tax year; and  
14 (xi) The following statement: To obtain more information regarding  
15 the tax increase, citizens may contact the political subdivision at the  
16 telephone number provided in this notice.

17 (4) After the joint public hearing required in subsection (3) of  
18 this section, the governing body of each participating political  
19 subdivision shall pass an ordinance or resolution to set such political  
20 subdivision's property tax request. If the political subdivision is  
21 increasing its property tax request over the amount from the prior year,  
22 including any increase in excess of the allowable growth percentage, then  
23 such ordinance or resolution shall include, but not be limited to, the  
24 following information:

25 (a) The name of the political subdivision;  
26 (b) The amount of the property tax request;  
27 (c) The following statements:

28 (i) The total assessed value of property differs from last year's  
29 total assessed value by ..... percent;  
30 (ii) The tax rate which would levy the same amount of property taxes  
31 as last year, when multiplied by the new total assessed value of  
1 property, would be \$..... per \$100 of assessed value;  
2 (iii) The (name of political subdivision) proposes to adopt a  
3 property tax request that will cause its tax rate to be \$..... per \$100  
4 of assessed value; and  
5 (iv) Based on the proposed property tax request and changes in other  
6 revenue, the total operating budget of (name of political subdivision)  
7 will exceed last year's by ..... percent; and  
8 (d) The record vote of the governing body in passing such resolution  
9 or ordinance.

10 (5) Any resolution or ordinance setting a property tax request under  
11 this section shall be certified and forwarded to the county clerk on or  
12 before October 15 of the year for which the tax request is to apply.

13 (6) The county clerk, or his or her designee, shall prepare a report  
14 which shall include:

15 (a) The names of the designated representatives of the political  
16 subdivisions participating in the joint public hearing;  
17 (b) The name and address of each individual who spoke at the joint  
18 public hearing, unless the address requirement is waived to protect the  
19 security of the individual, and the name of any organization represented  
20 by each such individual;  
21 (c) The name of each political subdivision that participated in the  
22 joint public hearing;  
23 (d) The real growth value and real growth percentage for each  
24 participating political subdivision;  
25 (e) The amount each participating political subdivision seeks to  
26 increase its property tax request in excess of the allowable growth  
27 percentage; and  
28 (f) The number of individuals who signed in to attend the joint  
29 public hearing.

30 Such report shall be delivered to the political subdivisions  
31 participating in the joint public hearing within ten days after such  
1 hearing.

2 Sec. 2. Original section 77-1633, Revised Statutes Supplement,

3 2025, is repealed.  
4 2. On page 1, strike lines 2 through 5 and insert "section 77-1633,  
5 Revised Statutes Supplement, 2025; to change provisions relating to the  
6 individuals attending joint public hearings; and to repeal the original  
7 section.".

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 668.** Placed on Select File with amendment.  
ER97 is available in the Bill Room.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 518.** Placed on Select File with amendment.  
ER98

1 1. On page 1, line 4, strike "sections" and insert "section".

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 365.** Placed on Select File with amendment.  
ER99

1 1. On page 1, line 2, strike "Cumulative Supplement, 2024" and  
2 insert "Supplement, 2025".

(Signed) Dunixi Guereca, Chairperson

**NOTICE OF COMMITTEE HEARING(S)**

Appropriations  
Room 1524 1:30 PM

Monday, February 2, 2026

LB1071

Note: This will be a combined hearing with 1072

LB1072

Note: This will be a combined hearing with 1071

LB772

LB992

Note: This will be a combined hearing with 1105, 1209, 1210

LB1105

Note: This will be a combined hearing with 992, 1209, 1210

LB1209

Note: This will be a combined hearing with 992, 1105, 1210

LB1210

Note: This will be a combined hearing with 992, 1105, 1209

Room 1524 1:30 PM

Tuesday, February 3, 2026

Agency 13 - Education, Department of

Agency 32 - Educational Lands and Funds, Board of

Agency 48 - Coordinating Commission for Postsecondary Education

Agency 50 - Nebraska State College System

Agency 83 - Community College Aid

LB862

LB1054

LB1140

Room 1003 1:30 PM

Wednesday, February 4, 2026

Agency 14 - Public Service Commission  
Agency 24 - Motor Vehicles, Department of  
Agency 27 - Transportation, Department of  
Agency 33 - Game and Parks Commission  
Agency 63 - Public Accountancy, Nebraska Board of  
LB982  
LB1218

Room 1003 1:30 PM

Thursday, February 5, 2026

Agency 22 - Insurance, Department of  
Agency 16 - Revenue, Department of  
Agency 35 - Liquor Control Commission, Nebraska  
Agency 36 - Racing Commission, Nebraska State  
Agency 93 - Tax Equalization and Review Commission  
Agency 54 - Historical Society, Nebraska State

Room 1003 1:30 PM

Friday, February 6, 2026

Agency 34 - Library Commission, Nebraska  
Agency 47 - Educational Telecommunications Commission, Nebraska  
Agency 53 - Real Property Appraiser Board  
Agency 57 - Oil and Gas Conservation Commission, Nebraska  
Agency 58 - Board of Engineers and Architects  
Agency 66 - Abstracters Board of Examiners  
Agency 87 - Accountability and Disclosure Commission  
Agency 90 - African American Affairs Commission

Room 1524 1:30 PM

Monday, February 9, 2026

Agency 25 - Health and Human Services  
LB946  
LB1229  
LB1031  
LB1122  
LB1143

Room 1524 1:30 PM

Tuesday, February 10, 2026

Agency 70 - Foster Care Review Board, State  
Agency 76 - Indian Commission, Nebraska

Agency 81 - Commission for the Blind and Visually Impaired  
LB750  
LB858  
LB1106  
LB1177

Room 1003 1:30 PM

Wednesday, February 11, 2026  
Agency 5 - Supreme Court  
Agency 46 - Correctional Services, Department of  
Agency 64 - State Patrol, Nebraska  
Agency 78 - Nebraska Commission on Law Enforcement and Criminal  
Justice  
Agency 94 - Public Advocacy, Commission on  
Agency 69 - Arts Council, Nebraska  
LB752

Room 1003 1:30 PM

Thursday, February 12, 2026  
Agency 18 - Agriculture, Department of  
Agency 72 - Economic Development, Department of  
LB806  
LB844  
LB1030  
LB1070  
LB1167  
LB1190  
LB1231

Room 1524 1:30 PM

Tuesday, February 17, 2026  
Agency 28 - Veterans' Affairs, Department of  
Agency 21 - State Fire Marshal  
Agency 31 - Military Department  
Agency 65 - Administrative Services, Department of  
Agency 84 - Environment and Energy, Department of  
LB968  
LB989  
LB1248

Room 1003 1:30 PM

Wednesday, February 18, 2026  
Agency 3 - Legislative Council  
Agency 9 - Secretary of State  
Agency 10 - Auditor of Public Accounts

Agency 11 - Attorney General  
Agency 12 - State Treasurer  
Agency 23 - Labor, Department of  
Agency 37 - Workers' Compensation Court  
Agency 67 - Equal Opportunity Commission  
Agency 77 - Industrial Relations, Commission of  
Agency 85 - Public Employees Retirement Board, Nebraska

(Signed) Robert Clements, Chairperson

**RESOLUTION(S)**

Pursuant to Rule 4, Sec. 5(b), LR302 was adopted.

**PRESIDENT SIGNED**

While the Legislature was in session and capable of transacting business, the President signed the following: LR302.

**MOTION(S) - Withdraw LB774**

Senator M. Cavanaugh offered [MO363](#), found on page 489, to withdraw LB774.

The M. Cavanaugh motion to withdraw prevailed with 44 ayes, 0 nays, 3 present and not voting, and 2 excused and not voting.

The Kauth amendment, [FA403](#), found on page 189, was not considered.

**MOTION(S) - Withdraw LB775**

Senator M. Cavanaugh offered [MO364](#), found on page 489, to withdraw LB775.

The M. Cavanaugh motion to withdraw prevailed with 43 ayes, 0 nays, 4 present and not voting, and 2 excused and not voting.

The Kauth amendment, [FA384](#), found on page 190, was not considered.

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

The Health and Human Services Committee desires to report favorably upon the appointment(s) listed below. The Committee suggests the appointment(s) be confirmed by the Legislature and suggests a record vote.

Ashley Newmyer Director-Division of Public Health-Department of Health and Human Services:

Aye: 7. Ballard, Fredrickson, Hansen, Hardin, Meyer, G., Quick, Riepe.  
Nay: 0. Absent: 0. Present and not voting: 0.

(Signed) Brian Hardin, Chairperson

**NOTICE OF COMMITTEE HEARING(S)**

General Affairs  
Room 1023 1:30 PM

Monday, February 2, 2026  
LB934  
LB1235

Room 1023 1:30 PM

Monday, February 9, 2026  
John Michael Coffey - Nebraska Liquor Control Commission  
James A Elworth - Nebraska Liquor Control Commission  
Robert (Bud) Synhorst - Nebraska Liquor Control Commission  
LB1151  
LB1128  
LB1004  
LB1085  
LB1115

Room 1023 1:30 PM

Monday, February 23, 2026  
Boyd L Pedersen - State Electrical Board  
Tyler C Ritz - State Electrical Board  
Randall Conroy - State Racing and Gaming Commission  
Brenda Davis - Nebraska Arts Council  
Crystal Dunning - Nebraska Arts Council  
Shari Hofschire - Nebraska Arts Council  
Timothy Jeffrey - Nebraska Arts Council  
Lori Williams - Nebraska Arts Council  
LB725  
LB1120

(Signed) Rick Holdcroft, Chairperson

**RESOLUTION(S)**

**LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 322.** Introduced by Spivey, 13; Arch, 14; Armendariz, 18; Ballard, 21; Bosn, 25; Bostar, 29; Brandt, 32; Cavanaugh, J., 9; Cavanaugh, M., 6; Clements, 2; Clouse, 37; Conrad, 46; DeBoer, 10; DeKay, 40; Dorn, 30; Dungan, 26; Fredrickson, 20; Guereca, 7; Hallstrom, 1; Hansen, 16; Holdcroft, 36; Hughes, 24; Hunt, 8; Jacobson, 42;

Juarez, 5; McKinney, 11; Meyer, G., 17; Prokop, 27; Quick, 35; Raybould, 28; Rountree, 3; Strommen, 47; Wordekemper, 15.

WHEREAS, February is recognized, acknowledged, and celebrated as Black History Month across the United States; and

WHEREAS, Black History Month is an annual celebration of the achievements, history, and legacy of African Americans and a time for recognizing their pivotal role in the history of Nebraska and our country; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Carter G. Woodson first established Black History Month as a week-long observation, and it was later expanded to a month-long celebration in 1976 by presidential decree; and

WHEREAS, African Americans have contributed significantly to the cultural, social, economic, and political fabric of Nebraska even as they navigate historic and systemic inequities, such as the practice of redlining, to help drive progress and innovation; and

WHEREAS, new chapters in the history of African Americans continue to be written, including the recent appointment of Judge Derek R. Vaughn as the first African American judge of the Nebraska Supreme Court, the appointment of Jewel Rodgers as the first African American Nebraska Poet Laureate, and the election of Mayor John Ewing Jr. as the first African American Mayor of Omaha, Nebraska; and

WHEREAS, Black History Month provides an opportunity for all Nebraskans to reflect on the movement for racial equity, honor the resilience of Black communities, and commit to creating a more abundant future.

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

1. That the Legislature recognizes February 2026 as Black History Month in Nebraska.

2. That the Legislature encourages all people to take time this month to celebrate the history, heritage, and culture of African Americans and their contributions to the State of Nebraska and the United States of America.

Laid over.

#### GENERAL FILE

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 716.** Title read. Considered.

Advanced to Enrollment and Review Initial with 42 ayes, 0 nays, 4 present and not voting, and 3 excused and not voting.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 203.** Committee [AM611](#), found on page 820, First Session, 2025, and considered on page 488 was renewed.

The committee amendment was adopted with 34 ayes, 3 nays, 10 present and not voting, and 2 excused and not voting.

Senator Fredrickson withdrew [AM1754](#), found on page 445.

Senator Fredrickson offered [FA1781](#), found on page 489.

The Fredrickson amendment was adopted with 43 ayes, 0 nays, 3 present and not voting, and 3 excused and not voting.

Advanced to Enrollment and Review Initial with 28 ayes, 13 nays, 5 present and not voting, and 3 excused and not voting.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 437.** Title read. Considered.

Committee [AM659](#), found on page 820, First Session, 2025, was offered.

Senator DeKay withdrew [AM778](#), found on page 881, First Session, 2025, to the committee amendment.

Senator Fredrickson withdrew [AM782](#), found on page 910, First Session, 2025, to the committee amendment.

Senator Riepe offered [AM1732](#), found on page 405.

The Riepe amendment was adopted with 42 ayes, 0 nays, 3 present and not voting, and 4 excused and not voting.

The committee amendment was adopted with 39 ayes, 0 nays, 6 present and not voting, and 4 excused and not voting.

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

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 110.** Title read. Considered.

Committee [AM63](#), found on page 1024, First Session, 2025, was offered.

Senator Hughes offered [AM1756](#), found on page 465, to the committee amendment.

The Hughes amendment was adopted with 42 ayes, 0 nays, 4 present and not voting, and 3 excused and not voting.

The committee amendment, as amended, was adopted with 42 ayes, 0 nays, 4 present and not voting, and 3 excused and not voting.

Advanced to Enrollment and Review Initial with 41 ayes, 0 nays, 5 present and not voting, and 3 excused and not voting.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 397.** Title read. Considered.

Pending.

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

Senator Spivey filed the following motions to LB1242:  
MO365

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

MO366

Bracket until April 17, 2026.

MO367

Recommit to the Judiciary Committee.

MO368

Indefinitely postpone.

MO369

Bracket until April 17, 2026.

MO370

Recommit to the Judiciary Committee.

MO371

Recommit to the Judiciary Committee.

**NOTICE OF COMMITTEE HEARING(S)**

Executive Board

Room 1524 12:00 PM

Monday, February 2, 2026

LB1237

(Signed) Ben Hansen, Chairperson

Transportation and Telecommunications

Room 1510 1:30 PM

Monday, February 2, 2026

Bradford L Jacobs - Nebraska Motor Vehicle Industry Licensing Board

James W Hawks - State Highway Commission

LB1107

LB977

LB991

LB1223

LB1098

Room 1510 1:30 PM

Tuesday, February 3, 2026

LB1126

LB1176

LB1005

(Signed) Mike Moser, Chairperson

Education  
Room 1525 1:30 PM

Monday, February 2, 2026

LB1038

LB742

LB1046

LB1243

LB1146

Room 1525 1:30 PM

Tuesday, February 3, 2026

LB1196

LB1164

LB1208

LB1224

LB1241

(Signed) Dave Murman, Chairperson

**RESOLUTION(S)**

**LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 323.** Introduced by DeKay, 40.

WHEREAS, the Nebraska State Band Association's state marching competitive marching competition was held at Buell Stadium in Omaha, Nebraska; and

WHEREAS, the Crofton Warrior Marching band attended the competition as the previous 1A champion performing the show "Agent 54"; and

WHEREAS, the Crofton Warriors Marching band brought home first place in the Class 1A division again, earning six points higher than last year's score; and

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

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

1. That the Legislature congratulates the Crofton Warrior Marching band for earning the Nebraska State Band Association's competitive marching competition in the Class 1A division.
2. That copies of this resolution be sent to the Crofton Warrior Marching band and Band Instructor Ashley Leader.

Laid over.

**LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 324.** Introduced by DeKay, 40.

WHEREAS, the 2025 Nebraska School Activities Association Play Production Championships were held at the Johnny Carson Theatre in Norfolk, Nebraska, on December 10 through December 12; and

WHEREAS, the Hartington-Newcastle High School one-act team performed Epic Proportions winning the Class C-2 title and received high marks from all three judges; and

WHEREAS, the Wausa High School one-act team performed their home-brewed musical Breaking the Habit written by Sheila Housing, earned the Class D-1 title, and earned Wausa's fourth state championship in a row out of seventeen state championship titles; and

WHEREAS, the St. Mary's of O'Neill one-act team performed And a Child Shall Lead winning the Class D-2 title and earned two more awards: the Johnny Carson School of Theatre and Film award to Anna Otte and the most outstanding technical crew award naming Samantha Asche and Laura Otte as outstanding techies; and

WHEREAS, all three school's outstanding achievements are made possible through the support of teachers, administrators, parents, and the community; and

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

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

1. That the Legislature congratulates Hartington-Newcastle High School, Wausa High School, and St. Mary's of O'Neill on earning the 2025 Nebraska School Activities Association Play Production state championship titles.

2. That copies of this resolution be sent to Hartington-Newcastle High School, Wausa High School, and St. Mary's of O'Neill.

Laid over.

**LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 325.** Introduced by DeKay, 40.

WHEREAS, the 2025 NSAA Class D Boys Golf Championships were held on May 28 and 29 at Quail Run Golf Course in Columbus, Nebraska; and

WHEREAS, the Creighton High School Bulldogs earned the championship title and a sweep of the individual titles; and

WHEREAS, this is the Bulldogs' first championship title in program history with a final score of 683; and

WHEREAS, such a team achievement is made possible through the support of teachers, administrators, parents, and the community; and

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

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

1. That the Legislature congratulates the Creighton High School Bulldogs on earning the 2025 NSAA Class D Boys Golf Championship and a sweep of the individual titles.

2. That copies of this resolution be sent to Creighton High School and Coach Daryl LaDeaux.

Laid over.

**LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 326.** Introduced by DeKay, 40.

WHEREAS, the 2025 NSAA Class D Girls State Cross County Championships were held in Kearney, Nebraska, on October 24; and

WHEREAS, Avery Arens of Crofton High School ran a 17:28 for the five-kilometer race breaking the previous record of 17:57 and earning her an individual state title; and

WHEREAS, after Arens finished the race, her focus shifted to her fellow teammates cheering them on towards the finish line; and

WHEREAS, Arens' dedication to the love of running and her teammates deserves recognition; and

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

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

1. That the Legislature congratulates Avery Arens of Crofton High School for winning the 2025 NSAA Class D Girls State Cross Country Championship race.

2. That copies of this resolution be sent to Avery Arens and Crofton High School.

Laid over.

**LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 327.** Introduced by DeKay, 40.

WHEREAS, the 2025 Nebraska School Activities Association Class D-2 State Volleyball Championship was held at the Bob Devaney Sports Center in Lincoln, Nebraska; and

WHEREAS, the 2025 Nebraska School Activities Association Class D-2 State Football Championship was held at Memorial Stadium in Lincoln, Nebraska, on November 24, 2025; and

WHEREAS, the Wyo Blue Devils volleyball team defeated the Cambridge Trojans after back and forth sets ultimately landing the Blue Devils on top; and

WHEREAS, the Blue Devils football team defeated the St. Mary Cardinals after an incredible no-look pass made by the Blue Devils; and

WHEREAS, this is the Blue Devil's first state championship title in both football and volleyball; and

WHEREAS, such team achievements are made possible through the support of teachers, administrators, parents, and the community; and

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

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

1. That the Legislature congratulates Weyauwatha High School on winning the 2025 Nebraska School Activities Association Class D-2 State Volleyball Championship and State Football Championship.

2. That copies of this resolution be sent to the Weyauwatha High School volleyball and football teams.

Laid over.

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

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

Senator G. Meyer name added to LB548.

Senator Prokop name added to LB828.

Senator Hardin name added to LB997.

Senator Hardin name added to LB1053.

Senator Hardin name added to LB1066.

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

Visitors to the Chamber were members of American Bikers Aiming Towards Education.

The Doctor of the Day was Dr. Matt Bogard, Omaha.

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

At 12:02 p.m., on a motion by Senator Bostar, the Legislature adjourned until 9:00 a.m., Tuesday, January 27, 2026.

Brandon Metzler  
Clerk of the Legislature