

**TWENTY-SECOND DAY - FEBRUARY 6, 2026****LEGISLATIVE JOURNAL****ONE HUNDRED NINTH LEGISLATURE  
SECOND SESSION****TWENTY-SECOND DAY**

Legislative Chamber, Lincoln, Nebraska  
Friday, February 6, 2026

**PRAYER**

The prayer was offered by Father Ryan Lewis, St. Robert Bellarmine Church, Omaha.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

The Pledge of Allegiance was offered by Senator DeKay.

**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 Arch, Bostar, Dover, McKinney, Moser, and Raybould who were excused until they arrive.

**CORRECTIONS FOR THE JOURNAL**

The Journal for the twenty-first day was approved.

**NOTICE OF COMMITTEE HEARING(S)**

Education  
Room 1525 1:30 PM

Tuesday, February 17, 2026

LB1247

LB960

LB966

LB1034

LB1207

Room 1525 1:30 PM

Tuesday, February 24, 2026

Jon Abegglen - Board of Educational Lands and Funds

LB1262

LB1051

LB1052

(Signed) Dave Murman, Chairperson

**AMENDMENT(S) - Print in Journal**Senator Lippincott filed the following amendment to LB548:[AM2007](#)

(Amendments to Standing Committee amendments, AM664)

1 1. On page 1, line 12, strike "two" and insert "one"; in line 15  
2 strike "renewable" and insert "renewal"; in line 18 strike "be" and  
3 insert "have been within the past five years"; strike beginning with  
4 "During" in line 20 through the third "the" in line 21 and insert "The";  
5 and in line 23 strike "for purposes of the contract." and insert "No  
6 political subdivision may expand its natural gas system under this  
7 section in a county:  
8 (a) Containing a city of the metropolitan class; or  
9 (b) With a population less than thirty thousand inhabitants or  
10 greater than one hundred eighty thousand inhabitants, as determined by  
11 the most recent federal decennial census, and that is adjacent a boundary  
12 line of the State of Nebraska and a county containing a city of the  
13 metropolitan class.".

**PRESENTED TO THE GOVERNOR**

Presented to the Governor on February 5, 2026, at 11:51 a.m. were the following: LBs 258, 60, 207, 212, 384, and 518.

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

**REPORT OF REGISTERED LOBBYISTS**

Following is a list of all lobbyists who have registered as of February 5, 2026, 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

Allen, Melissa

Nebraska Veterans Council

Ames, Ann

Independent Insurance Agents of Nebraska

Buchmeyer, Amy

Home School Legal Defense Association

Davis, Al  
Independent Cattlemen of Nebraska (ICON)  
Nebraska Chapter of the Sierra Club  
Frazier, Travis  
Association of National Advertisers (Withdrawn 02/04/2026)  
Gregory, Matthew  
Nebraska Farmers Union  
Jensen Rogert Associates, Inc.  
Nebraska Body Art Advocacy Network  
Jones, Darren  
Home School Legal Defense Association  
Keigher, Timothy P.  
Nebraska Petroleum Marketers & Convenience Store Association  
Lindsay Harr MacDonald  
Independent Payroll Providers Association c/o National Strategies, LLC  
Millard Roofing  
Luedtke, Joselyn  
Zulkoski Weber LLC (Withdrawn 01/30/2026)  
Miller, Angela J  
DIBS for Kids  
Mueller Robak  
DirecTV, LLC  
Encore Energy Services, Inc.  
Pohl, Terri  
Front Porch Investments (Withdrawn 02/03/2026)  
Radcliffe Gilbertson & Brady  
Coin Laundry Association c/o MultiState Associates LLC  
Common Cause  
Remitly  
Winston, Kenneth C.  
Nebraska Chapter of the Sierra Club  
Zimmer, Michael  
World Education Services  
Zulkoski Weber LLC  
NetChoice

### REPORTS

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

### MOTION(S) - Confirmation Report(s)

Senator von Gillern moved the adoption of the Revenue Committee report for the confirmation of the following appointment(s) found on page 614:

Tax Equalization and Review Commission  
James D Kuhn

Voting in the affirmative, 37:

Andersen	Dorn	Hughes	Meyer, F.	Sorrentino
Armendariz	Dungan	Hunt	Meyer, G.	Storm
Ballard	Fredrickson	Ibach	Murman	Strommen
Bosn	Guereca	Jacobson	Prokop	von Gillern
Brandt	Hallstrom	Juarez	Quick	Wordekemper
Cavanaugh, J.	Hansen	Kauth	Raybould	
Clements	Hardin	Lippincott	Riepe	
Clouse	Holdcroft	Lonowski	Sanders	

Voting in the negative, 0.

Present and not voting, 7:

Cavanaugh, M.	DeBoer	Rountree	Storer
Conrad	DeKay	Spivey	

Excused and not voting, 5:

Arch	Bostar	Dover	McKinney	Moser
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The appointment was confirmed with 37 ayes, 0 nays, 7 present and not voting, and 5 excused and not voting.

Senator Brandt moved the adoption of the Natural Resources Committee report for the confirmation of the following appointment(s) found on page 614:

Environmental Quality Council  
Kevin Peterson

Voting in the affirmative, 34:

Armendariz	Conrad	Hughes	Lonowski	Riepe
Ballard	Dorn	Hunt	Meyer, F.	Sanders
Bosn	Fredrickson	Ibach	Meyer, G.	Sorrentino
Brandt	Guereca	Jacobson	Murman	Storm
Cavanaugh, J.	Hansen	Juarez	Prokop	Strommen
Clements	Hardin	Kauth	Quick	Wordekemper
Clouse	Holdcroft	Lippincott	Raybould	

Voting in the negative, 0.

Present and not voting, 10:

Andersen	DeBoer	Dungan	Rountree	Storer
Cavanaugh, M.	DeKay	Hallstrom	Spivey	von Gillern

Excused and not voting, 5:

Arch	Bostar	Dover	McKinney	Moser
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The appointment was confirmed with 34 ayes, 0 nays, 10 present and not voting, and 5 excused and not voting.

Senator Brandt moved the adoption of the Natural Resources Committee report for the confirmation of the following appointment(s) found on page 614:

Environmental Quality Council  
Jessica Kolterman

Voting in the affirmative, 32:

Andersen	Clouse	Hughes	Meyer, G.	Storm
Armendariz	Conrad	Hunt	Murman	Strommen
Ballard	Dorn	Ibach	Prokop	von Gillern
Bosn	Hallstrom	Kauth	Quick	Wordekemper
Brandt	Hansen	Lippincott	Riepe	
Cavanaugh, J.	Hardin	Lonowski	Sanders	
Clements	Holdcroft	Meyer, F.	Sorrentino	

Voting in the negative, 2:

Juarez            Raybould

Present and not voting, 10:

Cavanaugh, M.	DeKay	Fredrickson	Jacobson	Spivey
DeBoer	Dungan	Guereca	Rountree	Storer

Excused and not voting, 5:

Arch            Bostar            Dover            McKinney            Moser

The appointment was confirmed with 32 ayes, 2 nays, 10 present and not voting, and 5 excused and not voting.

Senator Brandt moved the adoption of the Natural Resources Committee report for the confirmation of the following appointment(s) found on page 614:

Environmental Quality Council  
Lance Hedquist

Voting in the affirmative, 34:

Andersen	Conrad	Hunt	Meyer, G.	Sanders
Armendariz	DeBoer	Ibach	Murman	Sorrentino
Ballard	Dorn	Juarez	Prokop	Storm
Brandt	Hallstrom	Kauth	Quick	Strommen
Cavanaugh, J.	Hansen	Lippincott	Raybould	von Gillern
Clements	Holdcroft	Lonowski	Riepe	Wordekemper
Clouse	Hughes	Meyer, F.	Rountree	

Voting in the negative, 0.

Present and not voting, 10:

Bosn	DeKay	Fredrickson	Hardin	Spivey
Cavanaugh, M.	Dungan	Guereca	Jacobson	Storer

Excused and not voting, 5:

Arch	Bostar	Dover	McKinney	Moser
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The appointment was confirmed with 34 ayes, 0 nays, 10 present and not voting, and 5 excused and not voting.

### GENERAL FILE

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 365A.** Title read. Considered.

Advanced to Enrollment and Review Initial with 27 ayes, 0 nays, 17 present and not voting, and 5 excused and not voting.

### SELECT FILE

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 548.** Speaker Arch requested to pass over LB548.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 538.** [ER112](#), found on page 608, was offered.

ER112 was adopted.

Senator Hardin offered the following amendment:

#### [AM1972](#)

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

2 insert the following new sections:

3 Section 1. (1) For purposes of this section:

4 (a) Antisemitic discrimination or antisemitism has the same meaning

5 as the International Holocaust Remembrance Alliance's working definition

6 of antisemitism, including its contemporary examples, as adopted on May

7 26, 2016;

8 (b) Board means the State Board of Education;

9 (c) Department means the State Department of Education;

10 (d) National origin includes characteristics associated with actual

11 or perceived place of birth, ancestry, or ethnicity including, but not  
 12 limited to, religion; and  
 13 (e) Race includes characteristics associated with actual or  
 14 perceived race, ancestry, or ethnicity.  
 15 (2) On or before December 1, 2026, the board shall develop and  
 16 distribute a model policy for schools that facilitates and encourages an  
 17 inclusive and positive learning environment while complying with any  
 18 applicable federal or state nondiscrimination law. Such policy shall not  
 19 diminish or infringe upon any rights protected by the First Amendment to  
 20 the Constitution of the United States or by Article I, section 3, 4, or  
 21 5, of the Constitution of Nebraska. Such model policy shall:  
 22 (a) Prohibit discrimination against a student or an employee of a  
 23 school district on the basis of race, ethnicity, national origin, sex,  
 24 disability, religion, or marital status;  
 25 (b) Prohibit denying the benefits of any education program, class,  
 26 or activity offered or sponsored by a school district on the basis of  
 27 race, ethnicity, national origin, sex, disability, religion, or marital  
 1 status;  
 2 (c) Ensure the criteria for admission to an education program or  
 3 class does not have the effect of restricting access by persons of a  
 4 particular race, ethnicity, national origin, disability, religion, or  
 5 marital status;  
 6 (d) Require all education programs or classes offered by a school  
 7 district be made available without discrimination on the basis of race,  
 8 ethnicity, national origin, sex, disability, religion, or marital status;  
 9 (e) Require guidance or counseling services and financial assistance  
 10 services be made available to all students of a school district equally,  
 11 regardless of race, ethnicity, national origin, sex, disability,  
 12 religion, or marital status;  
 13 (f) Treat harassment or discrimination against students or employees  
 14 of a school district or harassment or discrimination resulting from  
 15 institutional policies or programs of a school district motivated by, or  
 16 including, antisemitic discrimination in an identical manner to  
 17 harassment or discrimination motivated by race;  
 18 (g) Require that the definition of antisemitism be included in the  
 19 student and employee code of conduct of a school district and that  
 20 antisemitism be included as prohibited conduct; and  
 21 (h) Provide for a process to annually report any incidents or  
 22 reports of discrimination in violation of this section to the Title VI  
 23 coordinator of the department.  
 24 (3) On or before July 1, 2027, each school board shall adopt a  
 25 written policy to be implemented by the school district at the start of  
 26 the 2027-28 school year which provides for standards and guidelines in  
 27 conformance with the minimum standards set forth in the model policy  
 28 developed by the board pursuant to subsection (2) of this section and  
 29 includes any other procedures and provisions the school board deems  
 30 necessary to conform with the intent of this section.  
 31 (4) On or before July 1, 2027, each school board shall include  
 1 antisemitism awareness training as part of other trainings on harassment  
 2 provided by such school district to students and employees.  
 3 Sec. 2. (1) The Commissioner of Education shall designate an  
 4 individual to fulfill the role and duties of the Title VI coordinator  
 5 within the State Department of Education.  
 6 (2) The Title VI coordinator shall monitor and investigate reports  
 7 of discrimination in school districts, including discrimination as  
 8 described in section 1 of this act. Duties of the coordinator include,  
 9 but are not limited to, investigating all complaints of discrimination in  
 10 school districts in violation of a policy adopted pursuant to section 1  
 11 of this act.  
 12 (3) If after investigation the coordinator determines that a school

13 district has engaged in, permitted, or not sufficiently prohibited  
14 discrimination in violation of a policy adopted by such school district  
15 pursuant to section 1 of this act or the federal Civil Rights Act of  
16 1964, the coordinator shall give written notice of such determination to  
17 the school board of such school district and request that the board  
18 address such violation and comply with such section or such act. If the  
19 school board does not comply within thirty days after receipt of such  
20 written notice by the coordinator, the coordinator shall report the  
21 findings to the United States Department of Education and the United  
22 States Department of Justice by making a complaint under Title VI of the  
23 federal Civil Rights Act of 1964.

24 (4) The coordinator shall annually submit a report electronically to  
25 the Legislature relating to discrimination in the schools, including, but  
26 not limited to, antisemitism. Such report shall detail the number of  
27 incidents or complaints received and the resolution, if any. Such report  
28 shall not identify any particular student, employee, or individual.  
29 (5) The State Board of Education may adopt and promulgate rules and  
30 regulations to carry out this section.

31 Sec. 3. Section 85-1401, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is  
1 amended to read:

2 85-1401 Sections 85-1401 to 85-1420 and section 5 of this act shall  
3 be known and may be cited as the Coordinating Commission for  
4 Postsecondary Education Act.

5 Sec. 4. Section 85-1411, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is  
6 amended to read:

7 85-1411 To assist it in carrying out its duties, the commission  
8 shall:

9 (1) Employ an executive director and all other employees of the  
10 office of the commission and hire consultants as may be necessary and  
11 prescribe their duties and designate a Title VI coordinator as prescribed  
12 in section 5 of this act;

13 (2) Except as may be provided pursuant to the State Employees  
14 Collective Bargaining Act, fix the compensation of the officers and  
15 employees of the office and provide benefits for all present or future  
16 employees of the commission, including retirement benefits, group life  
17 insurance, group hospital-medical insurance, and group long-term  
18 disability income insurance;

19 (3) Pay expenses for the recruitment of administrative and  
20 professional personnel for the commission; and

21 (4) Adopt and promulgate rules and regulations pursuant to the  
22 Administrative Procedure Act or as otherwise provided in the Coordinating  
23 Commission for Postsecondary Education Act to carry out the Coordinating  
24 Commission for Postsecondary Education Act and the powers and duties of  
25 the commission, except that for sections 85-1402 and 85-1413 to 85-1416,  
26 the provisions in section 84-908 for approval of the adoption, amendment,  
27 or repeal of any rule or regulation by the Governor shall not apply.

28 Sec. 5. (1) The commission shall designate an individual to fulfill  
29 the roles and duties of the Title VI coordinator within the commission.

30 (2) The Title VI coordinator shall monitor discrimination and  
31 harassment in public institutions, including antisemitic discrimination  
1 as defined in section 1 of this act.

2 (3) If after a reasonable investigation the coordinator determines  
3 that a public institution has engaged in, allowed, or not sufficiently  
4 prohibited discrimination or harassment, including antisemitic  
5 discrimination, in violation of such policy or the federal Civil Rights  
6 Act of 1964, the coordinator shall give written notice of such  
7 determination to the governing board and require the governing board to  
8 address such violation and comply with such policy or such act. If the  
9 governing board does not comply within thirty days after written notice  
10 by the coordinator, the coordinator shall report the finding to the



11 United States Department of Education and the United States Department of  
 12 Justice by making a complaint under Title VI of the federal Civil Rights  
 13 Act of 1964.  
 14 (4) The coordinator shall annually submit a report electronically to  
 15 the Legislature relating to discrimination and harassment in violation of  
 16 Title VI of the federal Civil Rights Act of 1964 in public institutions,  
 17 including antisemitism. Such report shall detail the number of formal  
 18 complaints received and the resolution, if any. Such report shall not  
 19 identify any particular individual, employee, or student.  
 20 Sec. 6. It is the intent of the Legislature that the Board of  
 21 Regents of the University of Nebraska, the Board of Trustees of the  
 22 Nebraska State Colleges, and the board of governors of any community  
 23 college area may adopt a policy for such board's respective postsecondary  
 24 educational institutions regarding all forms of discrimination prohibited  
 25 under Title VI of the federal Civil Rights Act of 1964, including  
 26 antisemitic discrimination as defined in section 1 of this act.  
 27 Sec. 7. Original sections 85-1401 and 85-1411, Reissue Revised  
 28 Statutes of Nebraska, are repealed.

Senator Hardin offered the following amendment to his amendment:

[FA955](#)

On page 5, strike lines 2 through 13.

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

Senator Hunt offered the following amendment to the Hardin amendment:

[AM2009](#)

(Amendments to AM1972)

1 1. On page 1, strike beginning with "the" in line 5 through "2016"  
 2 in line 7 and insert "the Jerusalem Declaration of Antisemitism,  
 3 including its guidelines for identifying antisemitism, published March  
 4 25, 2021".

Senator Hunt moved for a call of the house. The motion prevailed with 16 ayes, 1 nay, and 32 not voting.

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

Voting in the affirmative, 8:

Cavanaugh, M.	Guereca	Juarez	Raybould
Dungan	Hunt	McKinney	Rountree

Voting in the negative, 26:

Andersen	DeKay	Ibach	Moser	Strommen
Ballard	Dorn	Kauth	Murman	von Gillern
Bosn	Hallstrom	Lippincott	Sanders	
Brandt	Hansen	Lonowski	Sorrentino	
Clements	Hardin	Meyer, F.	Storer	
Clouse	Holdcroft	Meyer, G.	Storm	

Present and not voting, 11:

Arch	DeBoer	Jacobson	Spivey
Cavanaugh, J.	Fredrickson	Quick	Wordekemper
Conrad	Hughes	Riepe	

Excused and not voting, 4:

Armendariz	Bostar	Dover	Prokop
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The Hunt amendment lost with 8 ayes, 26 nays, 11 present and not voting, and 4 excused and not voting.

The Chair declared the call raised.

The Hardin amendment, as amended, was adopted with 34 ayes, 3 nays, 8 present and not voting, and 4 excused and not voting.

Senator Hughes offered the following amendment:

[FA957](#)

On page 3, line 3 of AM1861 strike "students and".

#### **SENATOR IBACH PRESIDING**

The Hughes amendment was adopted with 39 ayes, 0 nays, 8 present and not voting, and 2 excused and not voting.

Senator Hardin offered the following amendment:

[FA960](#)

In AM1972, strike section 2.

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

The Hardin amendment was adopted with 32 ayes, 1 nay, 11 present and not voting, 3 absent and not voting, and 2 excused and not voting.

Senator M. Cavanaugh offered the following motion:

[MO398](#)

Reconsider the vote taken on FA960.

#### **PRESIDENT KELLY PRESIDING**

Pending.

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

Government, Military and Veterans Affairs

**LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 283CA.** Placed on General File.

(Signed) Rita Sanders, Chairperson

Health and Human Services

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 721.** Placed on General File with amendment.

[AM1786](#)

1 1. On page 2, line 30, after the period, insert "A facility may not  
2 apply for a grant if it has previously received a grant under this  
3 section.".

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 903.** Placed on General File with amendment.

[AM1869](#)

1 1. Insert the following new section:  
2 Sec. 3. The following section is outright repealed: Section 68-2306,  
3 Revised Statutes Supplement, 2025.  
4 2. On page 2, line 18, after "refer" insert "(1)"; and in line 20,  
5 after "Act" insert "and (2) families with a child, three years of age or  
6 younger, to early intervention services as defined in section 43-2505".

(Signed) Brian Hardin, Chairperson

General Affairs

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 1001.** Placed on General File with amendment.

[AM1946](#) is available in the Bill Room.

(Signed) Rick Holdcroft, Chairperson

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

Senator Holdcroft filed the following amendment to LB1001:

[FA954](#)

Strike Section 1 of AM1946.

Senator Hansen filed the following amendments to LB1257:

[FA958](#)

Strike Section 74.

[FA959](#)

Strike Section 1.

Senator McKinney filed the following amendment to LB1112:

[AM1944](#)

1 1. Strike the original sections and insert the following new  
2 sections:  
3 Section 1. Sections 1 to 7 of this act shall be known and may be  
4 cited as the Statewide Standardized Grading System Act.  
5 Sec. 2. (1) The Legislature finds that:  
6 (a) Nebraska schools use varying grading scales and definitions of  
7 academic proficiency, resulting in inconsistent measures of student  
8 performance;  
9 (b) Such inconsistency in measures of student performance creates  
10 inequities for students transferring between schools, enrolling in option  
11 school districts, applying for scholarships, and meeting graduation

12 requirements; and

13 (c) A uniform statewide grading system promotes fairness,  
14 transparency, and comparability of academic outcomes across the state.

15 (2) It is the intent of the Legislature to establish a statewide  
16 grading system and for such statewide grading system to be applied  
17 uniformly in all school districts and approved or accredited private,  
18 parochial, and denominational schools.

19 Sec. 3. (1) On or before December 31, 2026, the State Department of  
20 Education shall establish a statewide grading system to be used by all  
21 school districts and approved or accredited private, parochial, and  
22 denominational schools. The statewide grading system shall:

23 (a) Apply to all credit-bearing coursework in grades three through  
24 twelve;

25 (b) Apply the same grading standards to all students;

26 (c) Use a standard statewide grading scale;

27 (d) Align state academic content standard proficiency levels with

1 the standard statewide grading scale;

2 (e) Use consistent rules for the calculation of grades, numerical

3 rounding in the calculation of grades, treatment of late assignments, and  
4 treatment of assessment results;

5 (f) Establish uniform weighting for courses designed for

6 exceptionally motivated and high-achieving students to provide more  
7 academically or technically advanced learning than regular courses in the  
8 same subject area and for courses designed to provide students with an  
9 opportunity to earn postsecondary education credit or technical skill  
10 credentials upon successful completion of such course; and

11 (g) Clear guidance for reporting grades on transcripts.

12 (2) Beginning with the 2027–28 school year, each school district and  
13 approved or accredited private, parochial, and denominational school  
14 shall implement the statewide grading system.

15 Sec. 4. (1) Each school district shall measure the academic  
16 performance of each student in the same manner whether the student is  
17 enrolled as a resident student or as an enrollment option student.

18 (2) Each school district shall publish the statewide grading scale  
19 in all student handbooks, course catalogs, and on the school district  
20 website.

21 (3) Each school district shall report student grades to the State  
22 Department of Education in a standardized format to support statewide  
23 comparability and public reporting.

24 Sec. 5. The State Department of Education shall provide training  
25 and technical assistance to school districts, schools, teachers, and  
26 administrators for implementation of the statewide grading system,  
27 including evidence-based grading practices and equity-focused assessment  
28 strategies.

29 Sec. 6. The department shall annually report to the Education  
30 Committee of the Legislature on the implementation of and compliance with  
31 the Statewide Standardized Grading System Act and on any recommended  
1 adjustments. The report shall be submitted electronically.

2 Sec. 7. The State Board of Education may adopt and promulgate rules  
3 and regulations to carry out the Statewide Standardized Grading System  
4 Act.

5 Sec. 8. This act becomes operative on July 1, 2026.

6 Sec. 9. Since an emergency exists, this act takes effect when  
7 passed and approved according to law.

Senator McKinney filed the following amendment to LB960:

AM1909

1 1. On page 2, strike beginning with "equal" in line 14 through the  
2 period in line 15 and insert "determined by the school board, but not  
3 fewer than one and not more than five student school board members."

4 2. On page 3, strike beginning with "one-year" in line 5 through  
 5 line 10 and insert "term of one or two years as determined by the school  
 6 board. Terms may be staggered to promote continuity and mentorship among  
 7 student school board members."; strike line 12 and insert the following  
 8 new subdivision:  
 9 "(a) Make reasonable efforts to attend public meetings of the school  
 10 board subject to academic responsibilities, school-sponsored activities,  
 11 employment, family obligations, or other excused conflicts as determined  
 12 by school board policy."; after line 28 insert the following new  
 13 subsection:  
 14 "(3) Service as a student school board member shall be considered a  
 15 co-curricular civic leadership activity and shall not adversely affect a  
 16 student's eligibility to participate in athletics, fine arts, academic  
 17 competitions, or other school-sponsored activities."; and in line 29  
 18 before "On" insert "(1)".  
 19 3. On page 4, line 2, after "transportation." insert "scheduling  
 20 flexibility, virtual participation when available, academic  
 21 coordination."; and after line 3 insert the following new subsection:  
 22 "(2) Nothing in sections 1 to 5 of this act shall be construed to  
 23 require a school board to adopt policies or procedures that materially  
 24 interfere with instructional time or academic requirements.".

Senator Kauth filed the following amendment to LB538:  
AM2014

(Amendments to AM1972)

1 1. On Page 1, line 12, strike "and"; in line 14 strike the period  
 2 and insert "; and"; and after line 14 insert the following new  
 3 subdivision:  
 4 "(f) Sex means biological sex as defined in section 71-7303.".

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

Senator Guereca filed the following motions to LB429:  
MO400

Bracket until April 17, 2026.

MO401

Recommit to the Education Committee.

MO402

Indefinitely postpone.

### **ANNOUNCEMENT(S)**

Priority designation(s) received:

Natural Resources - LB759

### **RESOLUTION(S)**

**LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 340.** Introduced by Jacobson, 42.

WHEREAS, rangelands are natural ecosystems in which the indigenous vegetation is predominantly grasses, grass-like plants, forbs, or shrubs and cover more than nineteen billion acres of land globally; and

WHEREAS, rangelands are economically, socially, and culturally vital to human communities through an array of ecological services, including biodiversity, carbon sequestration and storage, food and fiber production, water resources, and wildlife habitat, provide renewable and nonrenewable energy resources, and aesthetic and recreational opportunities; and

WHEREAS, pastoralists raise livestock or semi-domesticated animals on rangelands. Pastoralists, including ranchers, nomads, and transhumant herders, have stewarded rangelands for millennia through deep knowledge and connections with the land; and

WHEREAS, shared experiences of land, livestock and stewardship connect pastoralists around the world through historical knowledge and integration of new technologies toward sustainable rangelands; and

WHEREAS, the United Nations, in recognition of the vital nature of rangelands and the significance of pastoralism to the stewardship and societal benefits of rangelands, designated 2026 the International Year of Rangelands and Pastoralists; and

WHEREAS, national, regional, provincial, and local governments around the world will celebrate the International Year of Rangelands and Pastoralists through education, advertisements, film, and adoption of national and local policies that are supportive of rangelands and pastoralists.

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

1. That the Legislature recognizes 2026 as the United Nations International Year of Rangelands and Pastoralists in solidarity.

2. That the Legislature encourages all businesses and community members to take advantage of resources available and to celebrate the valuable contributions rangelands and pastoralists provide our state.

Laid over.

#### SELECT FILE

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 538.** Senator M. Cavanaugh. renewed [MO398](#), found and considered in this day's Journal, to reconsider the vote taken on FA960.

Speaker Arch requested to pass over LB538.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 538A.** Speaker Arch requested to pass over LB538A.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 397.** Senator J. Cavanaugh offered [AM1945](#), found on page 621.

Pending.

**COMMITTEE REPORT(S)**  
Revenue

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 954.** Placed on General File.

(Signed) R. Brad von Gillern, Chairperson

**MOTION(S) - PRINT IN JOURNAL**

Senator M. Cavanaugh filed the following motion to LB538:  
MO399  
Indefinitely postpone.

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

Senator von Gillern filed the following amendment to LB441:  
FA956  
On page 1, line 26, strike "a list of contractors who are" and replace with "the name of the contractor who is".

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

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

Senator von Gillern name added to LB838.  
Senator Andersen name added to LB1087.  
Senator Ibach name added to LB1165.

**VISITOR(S)**

Visitors to the Chamber were students and a teacher from UNMC College of Dentistry, Lincoln; members of Nebraska Dental Hygienists' Association, dental hygiene students from Central Community College-Hastings; Cynthia Smith, Brian Becker, Anna Smith Ramirez, Hastings.

**ADJOURNMENT**

At 11:46 a.m., on a motion by Senator G. Meyer, the Legislature adjourned until 10:00 a.m., Monday, February 9, 2026.

Brandon Metzler  
Clerk of the Legislature

