

TWENTY-FIFTH DAY - FEBRUARY 11, 2026

LEGISLATIVE JOURNAL

**ONE HUNDRED NINTH LEGISLATURE
SECOND SESSION**

TWENTY-FIFTH DAY

Legislative Chamber, Lincoln, Nebraska
Wednesday, February 11, 2026

PRAYER

The prayer was offered by Senator Storm.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was offered by Senator Hallstrom.

ROLL CALL

Pursuant to adjournment, the Legislature met at 9:00 a.m., Senator Ibach presiding.

The roll was called and all members were present except Senators Arch, Bostar, DeBoer, Dover, and Sanders who were excused until they arrive.

CORRECTIONS FOR THE JOURNAL

The Journal for the twenty-fourth day was approved.

AMENDMENT(S) - Print in Journal

Senator Hansen filed the following amendment to LB1236:
[AM1983](#) is available in the Bill Room.

Senator Lippincott filed the following amendment to LB548:
[AM2072](#)

1 1. Strike the original section and all amendments thereto and insert
2 the following new section:
3 Section 1. (1) The Legislature declares that the purpose of this
4 section is to allow certain cities and villages that own and operate
5 natural gas systems to engage in tax-exempt natural gas supply
6 transactions as described in section 148(b)(4) of the Internal Revenue
7 Code and 26 C.F.R. 1.148-1(e)(2)(iii), as such section and regulation
8 existed on January 1, 2024, that benefit the cities and villages and
9 their taxpayers as well as the counterparty to the transactions and the
10 people of Nebraska by incentivizing private investment and economic

11 development.

12 (2) On or before January 1, 2027, any city of the first or second
 13 class or village which owns and operates a natural gas system may enter
 14 into a contract to sell natural gas to any industrial consumer of natural
 15 gas whose facilities are located in the State of Nebraska, are within one
 16 hundred miles of such city or village, and, at the time the parties enter
 17 into the transaction, require at least three billion British thermal
 18 units of natural gas per day based on an annual average. The contract
 19 term shall be for at least two years and may include renewal and
 20 extension terms. At the time the parties enter into the contract, the
 21 industrial consumer shall not be a consumer of any competitive natural
 22 gas provider. The contract shall provide for the consumer to receive
 23 natural gas, directly or indirectly, through a competitive natural gas
 24 provider registered in Nebraska. Prior to entering into a contract with
 25 an industrial consumer, the city council or village board of trustees
 26 shall adopt a resolution stating that the contract does not pose an
 27 unreasonable financial risk to the city or village or its taxpayers. Such
 1 industrial consumer shall not, within five years prior to the contract's
 2 execution, have received gas service from any investor-owned or
 3 governmentally owned gas system. The consumer's facilities shall be
 4 considered within the service area of the natural gas distribution system
 5 of the city or village.

MOTION(S) - Print in Journal

Senator Spivey filed the following motion to [LB1156](#):

[MO403](#)

Withdraw LB1156.

COMMITTEE REPORT(S)

Natural Resources

LEGISLATIVE BILL 759. Placed on General File with amendment.

[AM1939](#) is available in the Bill Room.

(Signed) Tom Brandt, Chairperson

ANNOUNCEMENT(S)

Priority designation(s) received:

Rountree - LB839

MOTION(S) - Confirmation Report(s)

Senator Moser moved the adoption of the Transportation and Telecommunications Committee report for the confirmation of the following appointment(s) found on page 654:

State Highway Commission

Heath Mello

Voting in the affirmative, 39:

Andersen	Clouse	Hansen	Lippincott	Sorrentino
Armendariz	Conrad	Hardin	Meyer, F.	Spivey
Ballard	DeKay	Holdcroft	Meyer, G.	Storer
Bosn	Dorn	Hughes	Moser	Storm
Bostar	Dungan	Hunt	Murman	Strommen
Brandt	Fredrickson	Jacobson	Prokop	von Gillern
Cavanaugh, J.	Guereca	Juarez	Riepe	Wordekemper
Clements	Hallstrom	Kauth	Rountree	

Voting in the negative, 0.

Present and not voting, 6:

Cavanaugh, M.	Lonowski	Quick
Ibach	McKinney	Raybould

Excused and not voting, 4:

Arch	DeBoer	Dover	Sanders
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The appointment was confirmed with 39 ayes, 0 nays, 6 present and not voting, and 4 excused and not voting.

GENERAL FILE

LEGISLATIVE BILL 771. Senator Ballard renewed [AM1948](#), found on page 611 and considered on page 655.

The Ballard amendment was adopted with 32 ayes, 2 nays, 12 present and not voting, and 3 excused and not voting.

Senator Fredrickson offered the following amendment:

[FA967](#)

On page 3, strike section (iv) lines 1-10, and insert the following "Dynamic pricing shall not be permitted for seven days after any state of emergency declared by the Governor. The prohibition shall be confined to the areas delineated in the Governor's emergency proclamation. The Governor may further regulate dynamic pricing at his discretion during any state of emergency through executive order."

The Fredrickson amendment was adopted with 37 ayes, 0 nays, 9 present and not voting, and 3 excused and not voting.

Advanced to Enrollment and Review Initial with 35 ayes, 0 nays, 9 present and not voting, and 5 excused and not voting.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 743. Title read. Considered.

Advanced to Enrollment and Review Initial with 37 ayes, 0 nays, 6 present and not voting, and 6 excused and not voting.

COMMITTEE REPORT(S)

Transportation and Telecommunications

The Transportation and Telecommunications 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.

Bradford L Jacobs - Nebraska Motor Vehicle Industry Licensing Board

Aye: 8. Ballard, Bosn, Brandt, DeBoer, Fredrickson, Guereca, Moser, Storer.
Nay: 0. Absent: 0. Present and not voting: 0.

(Signed) Mike Moser, Chairperson

AMENDMENT(S) - Print in Journal

Senator M. Cavanaugh filed the following amendment to LB958:

[AM1992](#)

1 1. Insert the following new section:

2 Sec. 5. Since an emergency exists, this act takes effect when passed
3 and approved according to law.

4 2. On page 2, line 26, after "requires" insert "the care typically
5 provided in a nursing facility as defined in section 71-424 and"; and in
6 line 27 after "such" insert "care and".

Senator DeKay filed the following amendment to LB1261:

[FA968](#)

On page 2, line 27, strike "the State of".

ANNOUNCEMENT(S)

Priority designation(s) received:

Holdcroft - LB512

GENERAL FILE

LEGISLATIVE BILL 822. Title read. Considered.

Advanced to Enrollment and Review Initial with 29 ayes, 0 nays, 14 present and not voting, and 6 excused and not voting.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 824. Title read. Considered.

Senator Lonowski offered [AM1942](#), found on page 601.

The Lonowski amendment was adopted with 29 ayes, 0 nays, 14 present and not voting, and 6 excused and not voting.

Advanced to Enrollment and Review Initial with 34 ayes, 0 nays, 9 present and not voting, and 6 excused and not voting.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 816. Title read. Considered.

Committee [AM1814](#), found on page 576, was offered.

The committee amendment was adopted with 28 ayes, 0 nays, 15 present and not voting, and 6 excused and not voting.

Advanced to Enrollment and Review Initial with 28 ayes, 0 nays, 15 present and not voting, and 6 excused and not voting.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 900. Title read. Considered.

Senator Lonowski moved for a call of the house. The motion prevailed with 19 ayes, 0 nays, and 30 not voting.

Advanced to Enrollment and Review Initial with 25 ayes, 1 nay, 18 present and not voting, and 5 excused and not voting.

The Chair declared the call raised.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 823. Title read. Considered.

Advanced to Enrollment and Review Initial with 30 ayes, 0 nays, 14 present and not voting, and 5 excused and not voting.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 827. Speaker Arch requested to pass over LB827.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 1127. Speaker Arch requested to pass over LB1127.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 979. Title read. Considered.

Committee [AM1877](#), found on page 599, was offered.

The committee amendment was adopted with 26 ayes, 0 nays, 20 present and not voting, and 3 excused and not voting.

Advanced to Enrollment and Review Initial with 25 ayes, 0 nays, 21 present and not voting, and 3 excused and not voting.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 722. 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.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 1127. Title read. Considered.

Advanced to Enrollment and Review Initial with 31 ayes, 0 nays, 15 present and not voting, and 3 excused and not voting.

NOTICE OF COMMITTEE HEARING(S)

Revenue
Room 1524 1:30 PM

Wednesday, February 18, 2026

LB1023
LB1116
LB918
LB851
LB990
LB1025
LB856

Room 1524 1:30 PM

Thursday, February 19, 2026

LB1021
LB1008
LB998
LB846
LB853
LB857
LB1186

(Signed) R. Brad von Gillern, Chairperson

Natural Resources
Room 1023 1:30 PM

Wednesday, February 18, 2026

LB1197
LB1226
LB1232

(Signed) Tom Brandt, Chairperson

Nebraska Retirement Systems
Room 1524 12:00 PM

Friday, February 20, 2026

LB1103
LB1101

Room 1525 12:00 PM

Friday, February 27, 2026

LB1095
LB885

(Signed) Beau Ballard, Chairperson

AMENDMENT(S) - Print in Journal

Senator Hunt filed the following amendments to LB512:

[FA969](#)

Strike Section 1.

[FA970](#)

Strike Section 2.

[FA971](#)

Strike Section 1.

[FA972](#)

Strike Section 2.

[FA973](#)

Strike Section 1.

[FA974](#)

Strike Section 2.

Senator Hansen filed the following amendment to LB1234:

[AM2051](#) is available in the Bill Room.

MOTION(S) - Print in Journal

Senator DeKay filed the following motion to LB1239:

[MO404](#)

Withdraw LB1239.

Senator Clements filed the following motion to LB1260:

[MO405](#)

Withdraw LB1260.

ANNOUNCEMENT(S)

Priority designation(s) received:

Banking, Commerce and Insurance - LB838

Banking, Commerce and Insurance - LB967

VISITOR(S)

Visitors to the Chamber were child care providers from Lincoln Littles, Lincoln; members of the Nebraska Athletic Trainers' Association.

The Doctor of the Day was Dr. Marlon Weiss, Lincoln.

ADJOURNMENT

At 10:46 a.m., on a motion by Senator Rountree, the Legislature adjourned until 9:00 a.m., Thursday, February 12, 2026.

Brandon Metzler
Clerk of the Legislature