

**THIRTIETH DAY - FEBRUARY 20, 2026**

**LEGISLATIVE JOURNAL**

**ONE HUNDRED NINTH LEGISLATURE  
SECOND SESSION**

**THIRTIETH DAY**

Legislative Chamber, Lincoln, Nebraska  
Friday, February 20, 2026

**PRAYER**

The prayer was offered by Senator Lippincott.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

The Pledge of Allegiance was offered by Senator Jacobson.

**ROLL CALL**

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

The roll was called and all members were present except Senator McKinney who was excused; and Senators Bostar, Dover, and Spivey who were excused until they arrive.

**CORRECTIONS FOR THE JOURNAL**

The Journal for the twenty-ninth day was approved.

**NOTICE OF COMMITTEE HEARING(S)**

Health and Human Services  
Room 1510 1:30 PM

Friday, February 27, 2026

1115 Waiver on Retro Eligibility Period (as required by Neb. Rev. Stat. §81-604)

(Signed) Brian Hardin, Chairperson

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

Senator Conrad filed the following amendments to LB937:

[FA1001](#)

Strike Section 3.

[FA1002](#)

Strike Section 4.

[FA1003](#)

Strike Section 3.

[FA1004](#)

Strike Section 4.

[FA1005](#)

Strike the enacting clause.

[FA1006](#)

Strike Section 1.

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

Senator Conrad filed the following motions to LB937:

[MO435](#)

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

[MO436](#)

Bracket until April 17, 2026.

[MO437](#)

Recommit to the Education Committee.

[MO438](#)

Bracket until April 17, 2026.

[MO439](#)

Recommit to the Education Committee.

[MO440](#)

Indefinitely postpone.

[MO441](#)

Recommit to the Education Committee.

**RESOLUTION(S)**

**LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 345.** Introduced by Wordekemper, 15.

WHEREAS, the 2026 Nebraska School Activities Association Class A Boys Bowling Championship match was held on February 11, 2026, at Sun Valley Lanes and Games in Lincoln, Nebraska; and

WHEREAS, the Fremont High School Tigers defeated the Grand Island High School Islanders 3-1 to win the championship; and

WHEREAS, this is the second boys bowling championship title in school history following the first earned in 2021; 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 Fremont High School boys bowling team on winning the 2026 Nebraska School Activities Association Class A Boys Bowling Championship title.

2. That a copy of this resolution be sent to the Fremont High School boys bowling team.

Laid over.

**LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 346.** Introduced by Wordekemper, 15.

WHEREAS, the 2026 Nebraska School Activities Association Class A Girls Bowling Championship match was held on February 11, 2026, at Sun Valley Lanes and Games in Lincoln, Nebraska; and

WHEREAS, the Fremont High School Tigers and the Grand Island High School Islanders competed for the championship resulting in the Tigers earning the runner-up title; 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 Fremont High School girls bowling team on earning the 2026 Nebraska School Activities Association Class A Girls Bowling Championship runner-up title.

2. That a copy of this resolution be sent to the Fremont High School girls bowling team.

Laid over.

**REPORT OF REGISTERED LOBBYISTS**

Following is a list of all lobbyists who have registered as of February 19, 2026, in accordance with Section 49-1481, Revised Statutes of Nebraska. Additional lobbyists who have registered will be filed weekly.

Bingham, Todd  
 Nebraska Chamber of Commerce & Industry (Withdrawn 02/18/2026)  
 Bresee, Christopher  
 National Electrical Manufacturers Association  
 Ellmer, Regan  
 VSP Vision c/o MultiState Associates LLC  
 Jensen Rogert Associates, Inc.  
 Cornerstone Government Affairs on behalf of the Embassy of Qatar  
 Kelley Plucker, LLC  
 Interior Design Professional Organization  
 Nebraska Strategies  
 ShiftKey, LLC  
 Peters, Deb  
 Americans for Digital Advertising  
 Pohl, Terri  
 Front Porch Investments (Withdrawn 02/18/2026)  
 Ross, Cassy  
 ACLU Nebraska  
 Simmons, Kameron  
 Flock Safety  
 Zulkoski Weber LLC  
 Ceres, Inc.

(Signed) Brandon Metzler  
 Clerk of the Legislature

### REPORTS

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

### ANNOUNCEMENT(S)

Speaker priority bill/resolution designations are as follows: LBs 727, 758, 764, 781, 787, 819, 826, 835, 852, 866, 888, 904, 905, 914, 955, 985, 986, 1029, 1048, 1057, 1086, 1181, 1205, 1236, and 1240.

### SPEAKER ARCH PRESIDING

#### BILLS ON FINAL READING

The following bills were read and put upon final passage:

#### LEGISLATIVE BILL 103.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to evidence; to amend sections 27-412 and 29-1917, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024; to change provisions relating to admissibility of evidence of past sexual assaults and the procedure for taking depositions of certain witnesses; 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, 38:

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

Voting in the negative, 8:

Cavanaugh, J.	Conrad	Fredrickson	Hunt
Cavanaugh, M.	Dungan	Guereca*	Juarez

Excused and not voting, 3:

Dover	McKinney	Spivey
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\*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.

#### **LEGISLATIVE BILL 202.**

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to the Medicine and Surgery Practice Act; to amend section 38-2037, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; to exempt certain activities from disciplinary action; 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, 45:

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

Voting in the negative, 1:

Cavanaugh, M.\*

Excused and not voting, 3:

Dover            McKinney    Spivey

\*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.

#### **Dispense With Reading at Large**

Pursuant to Rule 6, Sec. 8, the Legislature approved the dispensing of the reading at large of LB320 with 45 ayes, 0 nays, 2 present and not voting, and 2 excused and not voting.

The following bill was put upon final passage:

#### **LEGISLATIVE BILL 320.**

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to human trafficking; to amend sections 81-1430 and 81-1431, Revised Statutes Supplement, 2025; to require hotels and similar public lodging establishments to place posters relating to human trafficking in such hotels and establishments; to provide for training about human trafficking to employees of such hotels and establishments; to provide powers to the Department of Labor and the Attorney General; to limit the liability of owners, operators, and employees of such hotels or establishments relating to human trafficking committed by a third party; 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, 46:

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

Voting in the negative, 1:

Rountree

Excused and not voting, 2:

McKinney Spivey

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 LB397 with 44 ayes, 1 nay, 2 present and not voting, and 2 excused and not voting.

The following bill was put upon final passage:

#### **LEGISLATIVE BILL 397.**

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to labor; to amend sections 44-3,158, 48-144.03, 48-443, and 48-446, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; to change and eliminate provisions relating to safety committees and a safety program; to terminate a fund; to harmonize provisions; to repeal the original sections; and to outright repeal sections 48-444 and 48-445, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska.

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, 35:

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

Voting in the negative, 13:

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

Excused and not voting, 1:

McKinney

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 441.**

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to the Building Construction Act; to amend section 71-6401, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024; to allow virtual inspection for certain building permits as prescribed; 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	Clouse	Hansen	Meyer, F.	Sorrentino
Arch	Conrad	Hardin	Meyer, G.	Spivey
Armendariz	DeBoer	Holdcroft	Moser	Storer
Ballard	DeKay	Hughes	Murman	Storm
Bosn	Dorn	Hunt	Prokop	Strommen
Bostar	Dover	Ibach	Quick	von Gillern
Brandt	Dungan	Jacobson	Raybould	Wordekemper
Cavanaugh, J.	Fredrickson	Juarez	Riepe	
Cavanaugh, M.	Guereca	Kauth	Rountree	
Clements	Hallstrom	Lippincott	Sanders	

Voting in the negative, 1:

Lonowski\*

Excused and not voting, 1:

McKinney

\* 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.

### **Dispense With Reading at Large**

Pursuant to Rule 6, Sec. 8, the Legislature approved the dispensing of the reading at large of LB663 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 663.**

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to counties; to amend section 23-114.01, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; to require education for county attorneys, members of county planning commissions, and members of county boards as provided; to change provisions relating to conditional use and special exception zoning determinations and determination appeals; 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, 43:

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

Voting in the negative, 5:

Cavanaugh, M.\*   Clements\*   Conrad   DeKay\*   Juarez

Excused and not voting, 1:

McKinney

\* 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.

### **Dispense With Reading at Large**

Pursuant to Rule 6, Sec. 8, the Legislature approved the dispensing of the reading at large of LB717 with 45 ayes, 1 nay, 2 present and not voting, and 1 excused and not voting.

The following bill was put upon final passage:

### **LEGISLATIVE BILL 717. With Emergency Clause.**

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to banking and finance; to amend sections 8-1,124, 8-1502, 8-2102, and 45-741, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, sections 8-3003, 8-3013, 45-735, and 45-737, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024, sections 8-135, 8-141, 8-143.01, 8-157.01, 8-183.04, 8-1,140, 8-318, 8-355, 8-1101, 8-1101.01, 8-1704, 8-1707, 8-2703, 8-2742, 8-2903, 8-3005, 8-3007, 8-3033, 8-3034, 21-17,102, 21-17,115, 45-101.04, 45-335, 45-345, 45-349, 45-364, 59-1722, and 69-2103, Revised Statutes Supplement, 2025, and section 4A-108, Uniform Commercial Code, Revised Statutes Supplement, 2025; to adopt updates to federal law; to define and redefine terms; to change provisions relating to notice of control of certain banks and trust companies, the applicability of the Nebraska Money Transmitters Act, digital asset depository institutions, the maximum general interest rate on certain loans, installment loans, mortgage loan originators, and mortgage bankers; to change references to the Nebraska Money Transmitters Act in the Controllable Electronic Record Fraud Prevention Act; to harmonize provisions; to provide operative dates; 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, 48:

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

Voting in the negative, 0.

Excused and not voting, 1:

McKinney

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 LB718 with 46 ayes, 0 nays, 2 present and not voting, and 1 excused and not voting.

The following bill was put upon final passage:

### **LEGISLATIVE BILL 718.**

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to certified public accountants; to amend sections 1-114, 1-117, 1-125.01, 1-137, and 1-148, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, and sections 1-116, 1-124, and 1-136.02, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024; to eliminate obsolete provisions; to change examination requirements; to change requirements for the practice of certified public accountants credentialed outside of Nebraska; to change and eliminate permitting requirements; to change provisions relating to disciplinary actions; to harmonize provisions; to repeal the original sections; and to outright repeal section 1-136.04, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska.

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, 48:

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

Voting in the negative, 0.

Excused and not voting, 1:

McKinney

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 LB719 with 45 ayes, 1 nay, and 2 present and not voting, and 1 excused and not voting.

The following bill was put upon final passage:

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 719.** With Emergency Clause.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to the Nebraska Rural Projects Act; to amend section 81-12,203, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; to redefine a term; to repeal the original section; 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, 48:

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

Voting in the negative, 0.

Excused and not voting, 1:

McKinney

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 LB794 with 45 ayes, 1 nay, 2 present and not voting, and 1 excused and not voting.

The following bill was put upon final passage:

#### **LEGISLATIVE BILL 794.**

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to natural resources; to amend sections 2-406, 2-3232, 81-201, 81-2,162.27, and 81-2,164.03, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; to change provisions relating to the powers of and to provide duties for the Department of Agriculture; to provide for natural resources districts to establish programs relating to soil and water; to eliminate provisions relating to the Healthy Soils Task Force and fund transfers under the Fertilizers and Soil Conditioners Administrative Fund; to harmonize provisions; to repeal the original sections; and to outright repeal sections 2-401, 2-402, 2-403, and 2-404, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska.

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, 48:

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

Voting in the negative, 0.

Excused and not voting, 1:

McKinney

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 LB821 with 45 ayes, 1 nay, 2 present and not voting, and 1 excused and not voting.

The following bill was put upon final passage:

### **LEGISLATIVE BILL 821.**

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to retirement; to amend sections 84-1309.01 and 84-1503, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, and section 72-1243, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024; to eliminate provisions relating to certain verifications performed by the Public Employees Retirement Board and certain written plans of action; to provide for an annual report prepared by the Nebraska Investment Council; to provide for an annual report prepared by the Public Employees Retirement Board; 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, 48:

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

Voting in the negative, 0.

Excused and not voting, 1:

McKinney

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

### **SPEAKER SIGNED**

While the Legislature was in session and capable of transacting business, the Speaker signed the following: LBs 103, 202, 320, 397, 441, 663, 717e, 718, 719e, 794, and 821.

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

General Affairs

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 1235.** Placed on General File with amendment. [AM2178](#) is available in the Bill Room.

(Signed) Rick Holdcroft, Chairperson

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

Senator Jacobson filed the following amendment to [LB837](#):  
[AM2128](#)

(Amendments to Standing Committee amendments, AM1826)

1. On page 2, line 3, strike "selling goods or services" and insert
- 2 "rounding under this section".

### **SELECT FILE**

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 720.** Senator Kauth withdrew [FA349](#), found on page 187.

Advanced to Enrollment and Review for Engrossment.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 745.** Senator Kauth withdrew [FA374](#), found on page 189.

Advanced to Enrollment and Review for Engrossment.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 940.** Senator Murman withdrew [FA568](#), found on page 237.

Senator Kauth withdrew [FA566](#), found on page 237.

Senator M. Cavanaugh offered [AM2053](#), found on page 652.

The M. Cavanaugh amendment was withdrawn.

Advanced to Enrollment and Review for Engrossment.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 1022.** Senator Kauth offered [FA678](#), found on page 313.

The Kauth amendment was withdrawn.

### SENATOR DEBOER PRESIDING

Senator Hunt requested a record vote on the advancement of the bill.

Senator Murman moved for a call of the house. The motion prevailed with 25 ayes, 0 nays, and 24 not voting.

Voting in the affirmative, 25:

Armendariz	DeKay	Hughes	Lonowski	Storer
Ballard	Dorn	Ibach	Moser	Storm
Brandt	Dover	Jacobson	Murman	Strommen
Clements	Hallstrom	Kauth	Sanders	von Gillern
Clouse	Holdcroft	Lippincott	Sorrentino	Wordekemper

Voting in the negative, 3:

Conrad	Hunt	Spivey
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Present and not voting, 20:

Andersen	Cavanaugh, J.	Fredrickson	Juarez	Quick
Arch	Cavanaugh, M.	Guereca	Meyer, F.	Raybould
Bosn	DeBoer	Hansen	Meyer, G.	Riepe
Bostar	Dungan	Hardin	Prokop	Rountree

Excused and not voting, 1:

McKinney

Advance to Enrollment and Review for Engrossment with 25 ayes, 3 nays, 20 present and not voting, and 1 excused and not voting.

The Chair declared the call raised.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 748.** Senator Kauth withdrew [FA377](#), found on page 189.

Advanced to Enrollment and Review for Engrossment.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 924.** [ER121](#), found on page 722, was offered.

ER121 was adopted.

Senator Kauth withdrew [FA583](#), found on page 246.

Advanced to Enrollment and Review for Engrossment.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 956.** Senator Kauth offered [FA612](#), found on page 289.

The Kauth amendment was withdrawn.

Advanced to Enrollment and Review for Engrossment.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 749.** Senator Kauth withdrew [FA378](#), found on page 189.

Advanced to Enrollment and Review for Engrossment.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 771.** [ER119](#), found on page 723, was offered.

ER119 was adopted.

Senator Kauth withdrew [FA400](#), found on page 191.

Senator Fredrickson offered the following amendment:

[FA1013](#)

Insert "Dynamic pricing shall not be permitted for seven days after any state of emergency declared by the governor when such emergency impacts transportations of persons, suppliers, goods or equipment."

The Fredrickson amendment was adopted with 31 ayes, 0 nays, 17 present and not voting, and 1 excused and not voting.

Advanced to Enrollment and Review for Engrossment.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 743.** Senator Kauth withdrew [FA372](#), found on page 189.

Advanced to Enrollment and Review for Engrossment.

**PRESENTED TO THE GOVERNOR**

Presented to the Governor on February 20, 2026, at 9:58 a.m. were the following: LBs 103, 202, 320, 397, 441, 663, 717e, 718, 719e, 794 and 821.

(Signed) Mataya Douty  
Clerk of the Legislature's Office

**COMMITTEE REPORT(S)**  
Banking, Commerce and Insurance

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 1138.** Placed on General File with amendment. [AM1920](#)

1 1. Strike original section 3 and insert the following new section:  
2 Sec. 3. For purposes of the Nebraska Protection of Seniors from  
3 Insurance Exploitation Act, unless the context otherwise requires:  
4 (1) Director means the Director of Insurance;  
5 (2) Disbursement means any attempt to withdraw money or access a  
6 benefit from a life insurance policy or an annuity irrespective of  
7 whether the request is classified as a surrender, loan, withdrawal,  
8 partial withdrawal, accelerated benefit, or otherwise;  
9 (3) Eligible adult means:  
10 (a) A senior adult as defined in section 28-366.01; or  
11 (b) A vulnerable adult as defined in section 28-371.  
12 (4) Financial exploitation means:  
13 (a) The wrongful or unauthorized taking, withholding, appropriation,  
14 or use of money, assets, or other property of an eligible adult by any  
15 person; or  
16 (b) Any act or omission taken by a person, including through the use  
17 of a power of attorney, guardianship, or conservatorship of an eligible  
18 adult, to:  
19 (i) Obtain control, through deception, intimidation, or undue  
20 influence, over the eligible adult's money, assets, or other property to  
21 deprive the eligible adult of the ownership, use, benefit, or possession  
22 of his or her money, assets, or other property; or  
23 (ii) Convert money, assets, or other property of the eligible adult  
24 to deprive such eligible adult of the ownership, use, benefit, or  
25 possession of his or her money, assets, or other property;  
26 (5) Permissible third party means any individual previously  
27 designated by the eligible adult who may be contacted about the eligible  
1 adult's insurance policy, contract, or account, or a person otherwise  
2 permitted to be contacted by any state or federal law, rule, or  
3 regulation;  
4 (6) Insurer means any insurance company as defined in section 44-103  
5 regulated under laws administered by the Director of Insurance; and  
6 (7) Trained individual means any of the following:  
7 (a) An insurance producer who has taken at least two hours of  
8 continuing education focused on how to identify the suspected or  
9 attempted financial exploitation of an eligible adult, which included  
10 identifying common signs indicating the financial exploitation of an

11 eligible adult and how to provide notification regarding the suspected or  
 12 attempted financial exploitation of an eligible adult; or  
 13 (b) A person who has received training pursuant to section 8 of this  
 14 act.  
 15 2. On page 6, line 17, after the period insert "An insurer or  
 16 trained individual shall be immune from any administrative or civil  
 17 liability for choosing not to implement a program to comply with section  
 18 6 of this act.".  
 19 3. On page 7, after line 19 insert the following new subsection:  
 20 "(3) Notwithstanding subsections (1) and (2) of this section, an  
 21 insurer shall be deemed to be in compliance with this section if such  
 22 insurer provides antifraud training to all supervisors and employees of  
 23 such insurer pursuant to the laws or regulations of this state or another  
 24 state and if such training includes instruction substantially similar to  
 25 the instruction described in subdivisions (1)(a) and (b) of this  
 26 section.".

(Signed) Mike Jacobson, Chairperson

### PROPOSED RULES CHANGE(S)

Senator Kauth filed the following proposed rule change:

#### Proposed Rule Change 3

##### Rule 6, Secs. 5 & 6

Rule 6, Sec. 5. Select File. When the Legislature considers bills on Select File, any of the following motions shall be in order.

...

(b) A motion to adopt an amendment to a bill or an amendment to an amendment which shall require a majority vote of the elected members, except amendments which are substantially the same as any bill indefinitely postponed shall require a three-fifths vote of the elected members. A singular amendment from the introducer and chosen by the introducer, shall be considered first following the consideration of the enrollment and review amendment and prior to any additional amendments.

Rule 6, Sec. 6. Return to Select File. (a) On a motion to return a bill to Select File for a specific amendment, a majority of the elected members must concur. A motion to return to Select File by the introducer for his or her own amendment shall be considered first, prior to other motions to return. All other motions to return to Select File, regardless of the introducer, shall be introduced in the order in which they are filed. No other amendment shall be considered when the bill is so returned. Such amendment when considered may be adopted by a majority vote of the elected members, except an amendment which is substantially the same as any bill indefinitely postponed shall require a three-fifths vote of the elected members.

**NOTICE OF COMMITTEE HEARING(S)**

Rules  
Room 1510 12:30 PM

Friday, February 27, 2026  
Rule Change #3

(Signed) Loren Lippincott, Chairperson

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

Senator M. Cavanaugh filed the following motions to LB455:  
[MO449](#)  
Recommit to the Business and Labor Committee.

[MO450](#)  
Indefinitely postpone.

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

Senator M. Cavanaugh filed the following amendment to LB455:  
[FA1014](#)  
Strike Section 1.

Senator Brandt filed the following amendment to LB815:  
[FA1015](#)  
Strike Section 1.

Senator Brandt filed the following amendment to LB1010:  
[FA1016](#)  
Strike Section 1.

**GENERAL FILE**

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 948.** Title read. Considered.

Committee [AM1976](#), found on page 730, was offered.

Senator DeKay withdrew [AM2101](#), found on page 732, to the committee amendment.

Senator DeKay offered the following amendment to the committee amendment:

[AM2169](#)

(Amendments to Standing Committee amendments, AM1976)

- 1 1. Strike original sections 12, 34, 35, 36, 37, and 38 and insert
- 2 the following new sections:
- 3 Sec. 12. Section 81-2,162.02, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska,
- 4 is amended to read:
- 5 81-2,162.02 For purposes of the Nebraska Commercial Fertilizer and
- 6 ~~Beneficial Substances~~~~Soil Conditioner~~ Act, unless the context otherwise

7 requires:

- 8 (1) Beneficial substance means any claimed or advertised substance  
 9 that can be demonstrated by scientific research to be beneficial to soil,  
 10 media, or at least one species of plant. Beneficial substance:  
 11 (a) Includes any plant biostimulant, soil amendment, chemical or  
 12 biological substance that is beneficial to any plant and growing  
 13 environment of such plant; and  
 14 (b) Does not include any primary or secondary nutrient for plants,  
 15 plant micronutrient, pesticide, unmanipulated animal or plant manure, or  
 16 commercial fertilizer;  
 17 (2) ~~Bulk means nonpackaged;~~ (1) Director means the Director of  
 18 Agriculture or his or her duly authorized agent;  
 19 (2) ~~Department means the Department of Agriculture;~~  
 20 (3) Commercial fertilizer means any formula or product distributed  
 21 for further distribution or ultimate use as a plant nutrient, intended to  
 22 promote plant growth, containing one or more plant nutrients recognized  
 23 by the Association of American Plant Food Control Officials in its  
 24 official publication. The term commercial fertilizer shall not be deemed  
 25 to include unmanipulated animal and vegetable manures but shall be deemed  
 26 to include both finished products and fertilizer ingredients capable of  
 1 being used in the formulation of a finished product;  
 2 (4) ~~Bulk means nonpackaged;~~  
 3 (4)(5) Custom-blended product means any individually compounded  
 4 commercial fertilizer or ~~beneficial substance that is~~ soil conditioner  
 5 mixed, blended, offered for sale, or sold in Nebraska to a person's  
 6 specifications, when such person is the ultimate consumer, if the  
 7 ingredients used in such product which are subject to the registration  
 8 requirements of section 81-2,162.03 have been so registered;  
 9 (5) ~~Department means the Department of Agriculture;~~  
 10 (6) ~~Director means the Director of Agriculture or his or her duly~~  
 11 authorized agent;  
 12 (7)(6) Distribute means to offer for sale, sell, barter, or  
 13 otherwise supply commercial fertilizers or ~~beneficial substances~~ soil  
 14 conditioners;  
 15 (8)(7) Fineness means the percentage of weight of the material which  
 16 will pass United States standard sieves of specified sizes;  
 17 (9)(8) Grade means the percentage of total nitrogen, available  
 18 phosphate, and soluble potash;  
 19 (10)(9) Label means a display of written, printed, or other graphic  
 20 matter upon the container in which a commercial fertilizer or ~~beneficial~~  
 21 ~~substance~~ soil conditioner is distributed, or a statement accompanying  
 22 such product;  
 23 (11)(10) Labeling means the label and all other written, printed, or  
 24 graphic matter accompanying the commercial fertilizer or ~~beneficial~~  
 25 ~~substance~~ soil conditioner at any time or to which reference is made on  
 26 the label;  
 27 (12) Microorganism means any microbiological organism or mixture of  
 28 microbiological organisms intended to produce any physical, chemical,  
 29 biochemical, or biological change, or any other change, in soil and is  
 30 recognized by the Association of American Plant Food Control Officials in  
 31 its official publication;  
 1 (13)(11) Official sample means any sample of commercial fertilizer  
 2 or ~~beneficial substances~~ soil conditioner taken by the director or his or  
 3 her agent;  
 4 (12) ~~Product means both commercial fertilizers and soil~~  
 5 ~~conditioners;~~  
 6 (13) Ton means a net weight of two thousand pounds avoirdupois;  
 7 (14) Percent or percentage means the percentage by weight;  
 8 (15) Person includes individual, cooperative, partnership, limited  
 9 liability company, association, firm, and corporation;

10 (16) Product means both commercial fertilizers and beneficial  
 11 substances;

12 ~~(17)(16)~~ Sell or sale includes exchange;

13 ~~(18)(17)~~ Soil conditioner means any formula or product distributed,  
 14 except unmanipulated animal and vegetable manures, which, when added to  
 15 the soil, is intended to (a) change the physical condition of the soil or  
 16 (b) produce a favorable growth, yield, or quality of crops or other soil  
 17 characteristics but shall not mean a commercial fertilizer, a pesticide  
 18 as defined in the Pesticide Act, or an agricultural liming material as  
 19 defined in the Agricultural Liming Materials Act; ~~and~~

20 ~~(19)(18)~~ Specialty product means a product for nonfarm use; ~~and~~

21 ~~(20) Ton means a net weight of two thousand pounds avoirdupois.~~

22 Sec. 34. Section 36 of this act becomes operative on January 1,  
 23 2027. The other sections of this act become operative on their effective  
 24 date.

25 Sec. 35. Original sections 2-1091, 2-1091.02, 2-1095, 2-10,117,  
 26 2-2634, 2-3413, 2-4323, 2-4324, 81-201, 81-2,162.01, 81-2,162.02,  
 27 81-2,162.03, 81-2,162.04, 81-2,162.05, 81-2,162.06, 81-2,162.07,  
 28 81-2,162.11, 81-2,162.12, 81-2,162.13, 81-2,162.14, 81-2,162.15,  
 29 81-2,162.16, 81-2,162.17, 81-2,162.18, 81-2,162.20, 81-2,162.21,  
 30 81-2,162.22, 81-2,162.23, 81-2,162.25, 81-2,162.26, 81-2,162.27, and  
 31 81-2,162.28, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, and section 2-958,  
 1 Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024, are repealed.

2 Sec. 36. The following sections are outright repealed: Sections  
 3 2-3401, 2-3402, 2-3403, 2-3404, 2-3405, 2-3406, 2-3407, 2-3411, 2-3415,  
 4 and 2-3416, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska.

5 Sec. 37. The following sections are outright repealed: Sections  
 6 2-2801, 2-2802, 2-2803, 2-2804, 2-2805, 2-2806, 2-2807, 2-2809, 2-2810,  
 7 2-2811, 2-2812, 2-3408, 2-3409, 2-3410, 2-3412, 2-3414, and 81-201.05,  
 8 Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska.

9 2. On page 11, lines 23 and 24, strike "including refund payments  
 10 authorized by section 2-3409" and show as stricken.

11 3. On page 17, line 15, strike "All products" and insert "Prior to  
 12 January 1, 2027, each" and reinstate the stricken "soil conditioner"; and  
 13 in line 16 after the period insert "Beginning on and after January 1,  
 14 2027, all products shall be registered before being distributed in this  
 15 state."

16 4. On page 18, line 29, strike "Any", show as stricken, and insert  
 17 "Beginning on and after January 1, 2027, any".

18 5. On page 21, strike beginning with "(1)" in line 23 through line  
 19 28, show the old matter as stricken, and insert the following new  
 20 subsection:

21 "(1)(a) An inspection fee shall be paid to the director at the rate  
 22 fixed by the director but not exceeding fifteen cents per ton for:

23 (i) Prior to January 1, 2027, commercial fertilizers and soil  
 24 conditioners; and

25 (ii) Beginning on and after January 1, 2027, commercial fertilizers  
 26 and beneficial substances.

27 (b) Such inspection fee shall be paid by the person distributing the  
 28 product to the ultimate user."

29 6. On page 22, line 14, strike "(4) Every", show as stricken, and  
 30 insert "(4)(a) Prior to January 1, 2027, every"; in line 15 strike the  
 31 new matter and reinstate the stricken matter; in line 16 strike "the last  
 1 day of January and July of each year", show as stricken, and insert "July  
 2 31, 2026, and December 31, 2026"; strike beginning with "which" in line  
 3 20 through the comma in line 21 and show as stricken; and in line 22  
 4 after the period insert paragraphing and "(b) Beginning on and after  
 5 January 1, 2027, any person who distributes any commercial fertilizer or  
 6 beneficial substance to the ultimate user in the state shall file, not  
 7 later than July 31, 2027, and each July 31 thereafter, and January 31,

8 2028, and January 31 of each year thereafter, a semiannual tonnage report  
9 on forms provided by the department setting forth the number of net tons  
10 of commercial fertilizer and beneficial substances distributed in this  
11 state during the preceding six-month period and such other information as  
12 the director deems necessary."

13 7. Renumber the remaining sections accordingly.

Senator DeKay moved for a call of the house. The motion prevailed with 21 ayes, 0 nays, and 28 not voting.

The DeKay amendment was adopted with 26 ayes, 2 nays, 19 present and not voting, and 2 excused and not voting.

The committee amendment, as amended, was adopted with 34 ayes, 1 nay, 13 present and not voting, and 1 excused and not voting.

Advanced to Enrollment and Review Initial with 36 ayes, 1 nay, 11 present and not voting, and 1 excused and not voting.

The Chair declared the call raised.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 1237.** Title read. Considered.

Committee [AM2028](#) found on page 688, was offered.

Pending.

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

Transportation and Telecommunications

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 1099.** Placed on General File.

(Signed) Mike Moser, Chairperson

Revenue

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 852.** Placed on General File.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 1109.** Placed on General File with amendment.

[AM2105](#)

1 1. Strike section 3.

2 2. Renumber the remaining sections and correct the repealer

3 accordingly.

(Signed) R. Brad von Gillern, Chairperson

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

Senator Wordekemper filed the following amendment to [LB400](#):

[FA1017](#)

Strike Section 1.

Senator Conrad filed the following amendments to LB1050:

[FA1007](#)

Strike Section 2.

[FA1008](#)

Strike Section 3.

[FA1009](#)

Strike Section 2.

[FA1010](#)

Strike Section 3.

[FA1011](#)

Strike the enacting clause

[FA1012](#)

Strike Section 2.

Senator Guereca filed the following amendment to LB970:

[AM2229](#)

1 1. Strike the original sections and insert the following new  
 2 sections:  
 3 Section 1. Section 68-969, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is  
 4 amended to read:  
 5 68-969 (1) On or before July 1, 2010, the department shall submit an  
 6 application to the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services of the  
 7 United States Department of Health and Human Services, amending the  
 8 medicaid state plan or seeking a waiver thereto to provide for  
 9 utilization of money to allow for payments for treatment for children who  
 10 are lawfully residing in the United States and who are otherwise eligible  
 11 for medicaid and CHIP pursuant to the federal Children's Health Insurance  
 12 Program Reauthorization Act of 2009, Public Law 111-3, as such act  
 13 existed on January 1, 2010, and for treatment for pregnant women who are  
 14 lawfully residing in the United States and who are otherwise eligible for  
 15 medicaid pursuant to the federal Children's Health Insurance Program  
 16 Reauthorization Act of 2009, Public Law 111-3, as such act existed on  
 17 January 1, 2010.  
 18 (2) On or before October 1, 2026, the department shall seek approval  
 19 for federal matching funds from the federal Centers for Medicare and  
 20 Medicaid Services through a state plan amendment to expand the services  
 21 covered under the early and periodic screening, diagnosis, and treatment  
 22 services program to include a program of early literacy promotion and  
 23 intervention during well-child visits for children from birth through  
 24 five years of age. The early literacy promotion and intervention program  
 25 shall include evidence-informed, literacy-based provision of materials  
 26 and guidance related to age-appropriate literacy development for children  
 27 enrolled in the Children's Health Insurance Program as an extension of  
 1 well-child care.  
 2 (3)(2) For purposes of this section, (a) CHIP means the Children's  
 3 Health Insurance Program established pursuant to 42 U.S.C. 1397aa et  
 4 seq., and (b) medicaid means the program for medical assistance  
 5 established under 42 U.S.C. 1396 et seq., as such sections existed on  
 6 January 1, 2010.  
 7 Sec. 2. Original section 68-969, Reissue Revised Statutes of  
 8 Nebraska, is repealed.

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

Senator Conrad filed the following motions to LB1050:

[MO442](#)

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

[MO443](#)

Bracket until April 17, 2026.

[MO444](#)

Recommit to the Education Committee.

[MO445](#)

Bracket until April 17, 2026.

[MO446](#)

Recommit to the Education Committee.

[MO447](#)

Recommit to the Education Committee.

Senator DeBoer filed the following motions to LB634:

[MO451](#)

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

[MO452](#)

Bracket until April 17, 2026.

[MO453](#)

Recommit to the Executive Board.

[MO454](#)

Bracket until April 17, 2026.

[MO455](#)

Recommit to the Executive Board.

[MO456](#)

Indefinitely postpone.

[MO457](#)

Recommit to the Executive Board.

Senator M. Cavanaugh filed the following motion to LB455:

[MO448](#)

Bracket until April 10, 2026.

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

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

Senator Storm name added to LB938.

Senator Andersen name added to LB1029.

**ADJOURNMENT**

At 11:58 a.m., on a motion by Senator Ibach, the Legislature adjourned until 10:00 a.m., Monday, February 23, 2026.

Brandon Metzler  
Clerk of the Legislature