

FORTIETH DAY - MARCH 9, 2026**LEGISLATIVE JOURNAL****ONE HUNDRED NINTH LEGISLATURE
SECOND SESSION****FORTIETH DAY**

Legislative Chamber, Lincoln, Nebraska
Monday, March 9, 2026

PRAYER

The prayer was offered by Senator DeBoer.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was offered by Senator Sanders.

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 Dungan who was excused; and Senators Bostar, Conrad, and Hunt who were excused until they arrive.

CORRECTIONS FOR THE JOURNAL

The Journal for the thirty-ninth day was approved.

RESOLUTION(S)

Pursuant to Rule 4, Sec. 5(b), LR353 was adopted.

PRESIDENT SIGNED

While the Legislature was in session and capable of transacting business, the President signed the following: LR353.

MOTION(S) - Confirmation Report(s)

Senator Hardin moved the adoption of the Health and Human Services Committee report for the confirmation of the following appointment(s) found on page 879:

Stem Cell Research Advisory Committee
David Owens

Voting in the affirmative, 37:

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

Voting in the negative, 0.

Present and not voting, 7:

Armendariz	Hallstrom	McKinney	Spivey
Cavanaugh, M.	Lippincott	Sorrentino	

Excused and not voting, 5:

Bostar	Brandt	Conrad	Dungan	Hunt
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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 Hardin moved the adoption of the Health and Human Services Committee report for the confirmation of the following appointment(s) found on page 879:

Nebraska Rural Health Advisory Commission
April Dexter
Kate Hesser
Katherine Kusek
Myra Stoney
Jim Ulrich
Tracy Zamora

Voting in the affirmative, 38:

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

Voting in the negative, 0.

Present and not voting, 8:

Cavanaugh, J.	Conrad	Hallstrom	Riepe
Cavanaugh, M.	Dover	McKinney	Spivey

Excused and not voting, 3:

Bostar	Dungan	Hunt
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The appointments were confirmed with 38 ayes, 0 nays, 8 present and not voting, and 3 excused and not voting.

Senator Hardin moved the adoption of the Health and Human Services Committee report for the confirmation of the following appointment(s) found on page 880:

Commission for the Blind and Visually Impaired
 Cheryl Livingston
 Linda Mentink

Voting in the affirmative, 37:

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

Voting in the negative, 0.

Present and not voting, 10:

Arch	Cavanaugh, M.	DeBoer	Fredrickson	McKinney
Armendariz	Conrad	DeKay	Hallstrom	Spivey

Excused and not voting, 2:

Bostar	Dungan
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The appointments were confirmed with 37 ayes, 0 nays, 10 present and not voting, and 2 excused and not voting.

Senator Hardin moved the adoption of the Health and Human Services Committee report for the confirmation of the following appointment(s) found on page 800:

State Board of Health
 Mark Bertch
 Jaime Dodge
 Patricia Kucera
 Ryan Palmer
 David Reese
 Jeremiah Rethwisch
 Jacob Sikes
 Dan Vehle

Voting in the affirmative, 41:

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

Voting in the negative, 0.

Present and not voting, 6:

Cavanaugh, M.	Hallstrom	Riepe
Dover	McKinney	Spivey

Excused and not voting, 2:

Bostar	Dungan
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The appointments were confirmed with 41 ayes, 0 nays, 6 present and not voting, and 2 excused and not voting.

GENERAL FILE

LEGISLATIVE BILL 1067. Title read. Considered.

Committee [AM2213](#), found on page 838, was offered.

The committee amendment was adopted with 38 ayes, 2 nays, 8 present and not voting, and 1 excused and not voting.

Advanced to Enrollment and Review Initial with 32 ayes, 8 nays, 8 present and not voting, and 1 excused and not voting.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 912. Title read. Considered.

Committee [AM2224](#), found on page 817, was offered.

Pending.

COMMITTEE REPORT(S) Nebraska Retirement Systems

LEGISLATIVE BILL 820. Placed on General File with amendment. [AM2425](#) is available in the Bill Room.

(Signed) Beau Ballard, Chairperson

Business and Labor

LEGISLATIVE BILL 921. Placed on General File with amendment. [AM2420](#) is available in the Bill Room.

(Signed) Kathleen Kauth, Chairperson

RESOLUTION(S)

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 358. Introduced by Murman, 38.

WHEREAS, the 2025 Nebraska School Activities Association Class D-1 Football Championship was held on November 24, 2025, in Lincoln, Nebraska; and

WHEREAS, the Sandy Creek Cougars football team competed for the Class D-1 State Football Championship and defeated the Crofton Warriors with a score of 66 to 26, earning the program its second state football championship; and

WHEREAS, the Sandy Creek Cougars are back-to-back Class D-1 State Football Champions; 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 recognizes and congratulates the Sandy Creek Cougars football team on winning the 2025 Nebraska School Activities Association Class D-1 State Football Championship.

2. That a copy of this resolution be sent to the Sandy Creek Cougars football team and Coach Andrew Kuta.

Laid over.

AMENDMENT(S) - Print in Journal

Senator Brandt filed the following amendment to [LB1010](#):
[AM2387](#) is available in the Bill Room.

Senator Jacobson filed the following amendments to [LB1114](#):
[AM2542](#)

(Amendments to Standing Committee amendments, AM2360)

- 1 1. Strike the original sections 74, 85, 86, 87, 88, and 89.
- 2 2. Renumber the remaining sections and correct the repealer
- 3 3 accordingly.

[AM2541](#)

(Amendments to Standing Committee amendments, AM2360)

- 1 1. Strike section 73.
- 2 2. Renumber the remaining sections, correct internal references, and
- 3 3 correct the repealer accordingly.

VISITOR(S)

Visitors to the Chamber were Lara Blume, Omaha; students from Bruning-Davenport, Davenport; Ryann Messman; members of Out Nebraska and Nebraska AIDS Project; students from Nebraska Christian School, Central City.

RECESS

At 11:57 a.m., on a motion by Senator Spivey, the Legislature recessed until 1:30 p.m.

AFTER RECESS

The Legislature reconvened at 1:30 p.m., President Kelly presiding.

ROLL CALL

The roll was called and all members were present except Senators Bostar, Dungan, Hansen, and Juarez who were excused until they arrive.

GENERAL FILE

LEGISLATIVE BILL 1071. Title read. Considered.

Committee [AM2162](#), found on page 971, was offered.

Senator Brandt offered the following amendment to the committee amendment:

[AM2500](#)

(Amendments to Standing Committee amendments, AM2162)

- 1 1. Strike section 13.
- 2 2. Renumber the remaining sections accordingly.

SPEAKER ARCH PRESIDING

Senator Spivey moved the previous question. The question is, "Shall the debate now close?"

Senator Dungan moved for a call of the house. The motion prevailed with 31 ayes, 6 nays, and 12 not voting.

Senator M. Cavanaugh requested a roll call vote on the motion to cease debate.

Voting in the affirmative, 27:

Armendariz	Clouse	Hansen	Prokop	Spivey
Ballard	DeBoer	Hughes	Quick	Storer
Bostar	Dorn	Juarez	Raybould	Wordekemper
Brandt	Dover	McKinney	Riepe	
Cavanaugh, J.	Dungan	Meyer, F.	Rountree	
Cavanaugh, M.	Guereca	Meyer, G.	Sanders	

Voting in the negative, 17:

Andersen	Hardin	Kauth	Murman	von Gillern
Bosn	Holdcroft	Lippincott	Sorrentino	
Clements	Ibach	Lonowski	Storm	
Hallstrom	Jacobson	Moser	Strommen	

Present and not voting, 5:

Arch	Conrad	DeKay	Fredrickson	Hunt
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The motion to cease debate prevailed with 27 ayes, 17 nays, and 5 present and not voting.

Senator Brandt requested a roll call vote on his amendment.

Voting in the affirmative, 23:

Bostar	Conrad	Guereca	Prokop	Spivey
Brandt	DeBoer	Hughes	Quick	Storer
Cavanaugh, J.	Dorn	Hunt	Raybould	Wordekemper
Cavanaugh, M.	Dungan	Juarez	Riepe	
Clouse	Fredrickson	Meyer, F.	Rountree	

Voting in the negative, 17:

Andersen	Dover	Kauth	Murman	Strommen
Arch	Hansen	Lippincott	Sanders	
Armendariz	Hardin	Meyer, G.	Sorrentino	
Clements	Ibach	Moser	Storm	

Present and not voting, 9:

Ballard	DeKay	Holdcroft	Lonowski	von Gillern
Bosn	Hallstrom	Jacobson	McKinney	

The Brandt amendment lost with 23 ayes, 17 nays, and 9 present and not voting.

The Chair declared the call raised.

Senator Hallstrom offered the following amendment to the committee amendment:

[AM2522](#) is available in the Bill Room.

The Hallstrom amendment was adopted with 34 ayes, 1 nay, 12 present and not voting, and 2 excused and not voting.

Pending.

COMMITTEE REPORT(S) Health and Human Services

LEGISLATIVE BILL 825. Placed on General File with amendment.

[AM2443](#)

- 1 1. On page 2, line 7, after "practitioners" insert "and licensed
- 2 independent mental health practitioners"; and in line 31 strike "Obtain"
- 3 and insert "Beginning September 1, 2027, obtain".
- 4 2. On page 3, after line 7, insert the following new subsection:
- 5 "(2) An individual or organization providing the training described
- 6 in subdivision (1)(d) of this section shall submit all training materials

7 to the board for approval."; in line 8 strike "(2)", show as stricken, 8 and insert "(3)"; in line 12 strike "(3)", show as stricken, and insert 9 "(4)"; and in line 15 strike "(4)", show as stricken, and insert "(5)".

(Signed) Brian Hardin, Chairperson

Nebraska Retirement Systems

The Nebraska Retirement Systems 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.

Horacio J Wheelock - Public Employees Retirement Board

Aye: 6. Ballard, Clements, Conrad, Hardin, Juarez, Sorrentino. Nay: 0. Absent: 0. Present and not voting: 0.

(Signed) Beau Ballard, Chairperson

BILLS ON FIRST READING

The following bills were read for the first time by title:

LEGISLATIVE BILL 759A. Introduced by Brandt, 32.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to appropriations; to appropriate funds to aid in carrying out the provisions of Legislative Bill 759, One Hundred Ninth Legislature, Second Session, 2026.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 1236A. Introduced by Hansen, 16.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to appropriations; to appropriate funds to aid in carrying out the provisions of Legislative Bill 1236, One Hundred Ninth Legislature, Second Session, 2026; and to declare an emergency.

AMENDMENT(S) - Print in Journal

Senator Holdcroft filed the following amendment to [LB1235](#): [AM2524](#)

(Amendments to Standing Committee amendments, AM2178)

- 1 1. On page 1, line 27, strike "An", show as stricken, and insert
- 2 "Subject to subsection (6) of this section, an".
- 3 2. On page 2, strike beginning with "as" in line 2 through "section"
- 4 in line 3.
- 5 3. On page 3, line 9, strike "(6)" and insert "(6)(a)"; in line 18
- 6 strike "(a)" and insert "(i)"; in line 19 strike "(b)" and insert "(ii)";
- 7 in line 21 after the period insert paragraphing and "(b)"; and in line 26
- 8 strike "(a)" and insert "(i)" and strike "(b)" and insert "(ii)".
- 9 4. On page 6, strike lines 30 and 31 and insert the following new
- 10 subdivision:
- 11 "(k) Whether the applicant or any affiliated entity of the applicant
- 12 is delinquent on any federal, state, or local taxes. For purposes of this

13 subdivision, affiliated entity means any other corporation, partnership,
 14 or limited liability company (i) in which the applicant holds an
 15 ownership interest and (ii) that holds a liquor license under the
 16 Nebraska Liquor Control Act."
 17 5. On page 7, strike lines 1 through 4.
 18 6. On page 8, line 19, after "state" insert "without having first
 19 obtained a valid license to do so under the act".

Senator McKinney filed the following amendment to LB1114:
[AM2518](#)

(Amendments to Standing Committee amendments, AM2360)

1 1. Strike original sections 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12,
 2 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30,
 3 31, 32, 33, 34, 35, 36, 37, 38, 39, 40, 41, 42, 43, 44, 45, 46, 47, 48,
 4 49, 50, 51, 52, 53, 54, 55, 56, 57, 58, 59, 60, 61, 62, 63, 64, 65, 66,
 5 67, 68, 69, 70, 71, 72, 80, 81, 82, 83, 84, 90, 91, 92, 93, 94, 95, 96,
 6 97, 98, 99, 100, 101, 102, 103, 104, and 106 of this act.
 7 2. Renumber the remaining sections and correct internal references
 8 accordingly.

Senator Raybould filed the following amendments to LB1072:
[AM2549](#)

(Amendments to Standing Committee amendments, AM2165)

1 1. Strike sections 87, 89, 101, 102, 117, and 118 and insert the
 2 following new sections:
 3 Sec. 88. The State Treasurer shall transfer \$78,747,931 from the
 4 Perkins County Canal Project Fund to the General Fund on or after July 1,
 5 2026, but before June 30, 2027, on such dates and in such amounts as
 6 directed by the budget administrator of the budget division of the
 7 Department of Administrative Services.
 8 Sec. 114. The State Treasurer shall transfer \$5,133,860 from the
 9 Perkins County Canal Project Fund to the Water Recreation Enhancement
 10 Fund before June 30, 2026, on such dates and in such amounts as directed
 11 by the budget administrator of the budget division of the Department of
 12 Administrative Services.
 13 Sec. 115. The State Treasurer shall transfer \$6,000,000 from the
 14 Perkins County Canal Project Fund to the Water Resources Cash Fund on or
 15 after July 1, 2026, but before June 30, 2027, on such dates and in such
 16 amounts as directed by the budget administrator of the budget division of
 17 the Department of Administrative Services.
 18 2. On page 69, lines 22 and 23, strike the new matter and insert
 19 "Transfers may be made from the fund to the General Fund, the State
 20 Settlement Cash Fund, the Water Recreation Enhancement Fund, and the
 21 Water Resources Cash Fund at the direction of the Legislature."
 22 3. Renumber the remaining sections accordingly.
 23 4. Correct the operative date and repealer so the sections added by
 24 this amendment become operative on their effective date.

[AM2554](#)

(Amendments to Standing Committee amendments, AM2165)

1 1. Strike sections 108, 109, 113, and 174.
 2 2. Renumber the remaining sections and correct the operative date
 3 and repealer accordingly.

MOTION(S) - Print in Journal

Senator McKinney filed the following motions to LB838:

[MO499](#)

Bracket until April 17, 2026.

[MO500](#)

Recommit to the Banking, Commerce and Insurance Committee.

[MO501](#)

Indefinitely postpone.

Senator McKinney filed the following motions to [LB967](#):

[MO502](#)

Bracket until April 17, 2026.

[MO503](#)

Recommit to the Banking, Commerce and Insurance Committee.

[MO504](#)

Indefinitely postpone.

Senator McKinney filed the following motions to [LB1114](#):

[MO505](#)

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

[MO506](#)

Bracket until April 17, 2026.

[MO507](#)

Recommit to the Urban Affairs Committee.

Senator McKinney filed the following motions to [LB525](#):

[MO508](#)

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

[MO509](#)

Bracket until April 17, 2026.

[MO510](#)

Recommit to the Banking, Commerce and Insurance Committee.

Senator McKinney filed the following motions to [LB962](#):

[MO511](#)

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

[MO512](#)

Bracket until April 17, 2026.

[MO513](#)

Recommit to the Judiciary Committee.

UNANIMOUS CONSENT - Add Cointroducer(s)

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

Senator M. Cavanaugh name added to LB762.

Senator Quick name added to LB762.

Senator DeBoer name added to LB762.

Senator Andersen name added to LB1205.

VISITOR(S)

At 5:16 p.m., on a motion by Senator Dorn, the Legislature adjourned until 9:00 a.m., Tuesday, March 10, 2026.

Brandon Metzler
Clerk of the Legislature