

**FORTY-THIRD DAY - MARCH 12, 2026**

**LEGISLATIVE JOURNAL**

**ONE HUNDRED NINTH LEGISLATURE  
SECOND SESSION**

**FORTY-THIRD DAY**

Legislative Chamber, Lincoln, Nebraska  
Thursday, March 12, 2026

**PRAYER**

The prayer was offered by Senator DeKay.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

The Pledge of Allegiance was offered by Senator Storm.

**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 Senator Dungan who was excused; and Senators Bostar, DeBoer, Hunt, Jacobson, and McKinney who were excused until they arrive.

**CORRECTIONS FOR THE JOURNAL**

The Journal for the forty-second day was approved.

**RESOLUTION(S)**

**LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 366.** Introduced by Holdcroft, 36.

**PURPOSE:** The purpose of this resolution is to propose an interim study to examine the regulatory framework established under the Nebraska Liquor Control Act, including, but not limited to, licensing, distribution, and enforcement and financial regulatory systems administered by the Nebraska Liquor Control Commission.

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

1. That the General Affairs Committee of the Legislature shall be designated to conduct an interim study to carry out the purposes of this resolution.

2. That the committee shall upon the conclusion of its study make a report of its findings, together with its recommendations, to the Legislative Council or Legislature.

Referred to the Executive Board.

### **REPORT OF REGISTERED LOBBYISTS**

Following is a list of all lobbyists who have registered as of March 11, 2026, in accordance with Section 49-1481, Revised Statutes of Nebraska. Additional lobbyists who have registered will be filed weekly.

Bromm & Associates  
Anthropic, PBC  
Coulter, Payton  
Bromm & Associates  
CP Strategies LLC  
Fortitude Mining, LLC  
HBS  
City of Ralston

(Signed) Brandon Metzler  
Clerk of the Legislature

### **REPORTS**

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

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

Senator Ballard moved the adoption of the Nebraska Retirement Systems Committee report for the confirmation of the following appointment(s) found on page 993:

Public Employees Retirement Board  
Horacio J Wheelock

Voting in the affirmative, 35:

Andersen	Cavanaugh, M.	Hansen	Meyer, F.	Riepe
Arch	Clements	Holdcroft	Meyer, G.	Sanders
Armendariz	Clouse	Ibach	Moser	Storer
Ballard	Conrad	Juarez	Murman	Storm
Bosn	Dorn	Kauth	Prokop	Strommen
Brandt	Dover	Lippincott	Quick	von Gillern
Cavanaugh, J.	Guereca	Lonowski	Raybould	Wordekemper

Voting in the negative, 0.

Present and not voting, 8:

DeKay	Hallstrom	Hughes	Sorrentino
Fredrickson	Hardin	Rountree	Spivey

Excused and not voting, 6:

Bostar	Dungan	Jacobson
DeBoer	Hunt	McKinney

The appointment was confirmed with 35 ayes, 0 nays, 8 present and not voting, and 6 excused and not voting.

#### **GENERAL FILE**

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 759A.** 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.

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

Advanced to Enrollment and Review Initial with 38 ayes, 0 nays, 5 present and not voting, and 6 excused and not voting.

#### **BILLS ON FINAL READING**

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

Pursuant to Rule 6, Sec. 8, the Legislature approved the dispensing of the reading at large of LB948 with 39 ayes, 1 nay, 4 present and not voting, and 5 excused and not voting.

The following bill was put upon final passage:

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 948.** With Emergency Clause.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to agriculture; to amend sections 2-1091, 2-1091.02, 2-1095, 2-10,117, 2-2634, 2-3401, 2-4323, 2-4324, 49-1499.02, 81-201, 81-2,162.01, 81-2,162.02, 81-2,162.03, 81-2,162.04, 81-2,162.05, 81-2,162.06, 81-2,162.07, 81-2,162.11, 81-2,162.12, 81-2,162.13, 81-2,162.14, 81-2,162.15, 81-2,162.16, 81-2,162.17, 81-2,162.18, 81-2,162.20, 81-2,162.21, 81-2,162.22, 81-2,162.23, 81-2,162.25, 81-2,162.26, 81-2,162.27, and 81-2,162.28, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, and section 2-958, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024; to change provisions and fees under the Plant Protection and Plant Pest Act; to provide for the transfer of funds from the Nebraska Potato Development Fund; to change fees under the Pesticide Act; to change powers of the Department of Agriculture relating to the Weeds of the Great Plains book; to provide for the transfer of funds and the elimination of the Weed Book Cash Fund; to terminate the Nebraska Poultry and Egg Resources Act; to change the Nebraska Commercial Fertilizer and Soil Conditioner Act to the Nebraska Commercial Fertilizer and Beneficial Substances Act; to define and redefine terms; to provide for the use of beneficial substances; to change and provide provisions of the Nebraska Commercial Fertilizer and Beneficial Substances Act relating to registration of products, package labeling, fees, distribution, and manufacturing; to change the Fertilizers and Soil Conditioners Administrative Fund to the Fertilizers and Beneficial Substances Administrative Fund and change provisions relating to such fund; to eliminate references to soil conditioners; to eliminate provisions relating to certain agricultural associations or societies, certain qualifying organizations, the Nebraska Dairymen's Association, the State Horticultural Society, the Nebraska Livestock Feeders and Breeders Association, the Nebraska Home Economics Association of Organized Agriculture, the Western Nebraska Organized Agriculture Association, the Nebraska Poultry Improvement Association, the Nebraska Potato Council, and certain appropriations authorization; to eliminate obsolete provisions; to harmonize provisions; to repeal the original sections; to outright repeal sections 2-2801, 2-2802, 2-2803, 2-2804, 2-2805, 2-2806, 2-2807, 2-2809, 2-2810, 2-2811, 2-2812, and 81-201.05, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; 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, 35:

Arch	Dorn	Holdcroft	Meyer, F.	Riepe
Armendariz	Dover	Hughes	Meyer, G.	Rountree
Bosn	Fredrickson	Ibach	Moser	Sanders
Brandt	Guereca	Juarez	Murman	Sorrentino
Clements	Hallstrom	Kauth	Prokop	Spivey
Clouse	Hansen	Lippincott	Quick	von Gillern
DeKay	Hardin	Lonowski	Raybould	Wordekemper

Voting in the negative, 10:

Andersen	Cavanaugh, J.	Conrad	McKinney	Storm
Ballard	Cavanaugh, M.*	Hunt	Storer	Strommen

Excused and not voting, 4:

Bostar	DeBoer	Dungan	Jacobson
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\*Senator was Present Not Voting at the time of the recorded vote (Rule 6, Sec. 9).

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 LB1001 with 41 ayes, 1 nay, 3 present and not voting, and 4 excused and not voting.

The following bill was put upon final passage:

#### **LEGISLATIVE BILL 1001. With Emergency Clause.**

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to racing and gaming; to amend sections 2-1207.01, 2-1213, 2-1216, 2-1226, 2-1228, 2-1229, 9-204.01, 9-230, 9-230.01, 9-233, 9-241.03, 9-241.08, 9-255, 9-401, 9-411, 9-415, 9-431, 9-501, 9-507, 9-509, 9-701, 9-831, 9-1001, 9-1002, 9-1003, 9-1004, 9-1006, and 9-1115, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, sections 2-1207, 9-204, 9-204.04, 9-427, and 9-511, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024, and sections 2-1205, 2-1210, 9-1,101, and 9-1104, Revised Statutes Supplement, 2025; to change provisions relating to licensed racetrack enclosure terms and conditions, parimutuel wagering, the distribution of amounts deducted from wagers on horseracing, registration of Nebraska-bred horses, simulcast facilities licenses, and assistance to problem gamblers; to provide for administrative fees; to provide for bingo utilizing song titles, musical artists, or music genres as prescribed; to change prize limits for bingo not required to be conducted by a licensed organization and for persons under eighteen years of age to be permitted to play; to change limits on special event bingo permits; to redefine terms and change and provide provisions relating to lotteries and raffles under the Nebraska Lottery and Raffle Act and the Nebraska Small Lottery and Raffle Act; to redefine and eliminate terms relating to gift enterprises and problem gambling; to redefine terms under the Nebraska Bingo Act; to allow nonprofit organizations to conduct gift enterprises; to provide duties for the Lottery Division of the Department of Revenue; to change provisions relating to the Nebraska Commission on Problem Gambling and place such commission for administrative purposes within the State Racing and

Gaming Commission; to change and eliminate provisions relating to the Compulsive Gamblers Assistance Fund; to change provisions relating to the Charitable Gaming Division of the Department of Revenue; to provide an exception to the required age for individuals to play keno at a licensed racetrack enclosure; to harmonize provisions; to provide an operative date; to repeal the original sections; to outright repeal section 9-1007, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; 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, 45:

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

Voting in the negative, 0.

Excused and not voting, 4:

Bostar          DeBoer          Dungan          Jacobson

A constitutional majority required for the amendment of an initiative petition 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 1001A.** With Emergency Clause.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to appropriations; to amend Laws 2025, LB261, section 76; to appropriate funds to aid in carrying out the provisions of Legislative Bill 1001A, One Hundred Ninth Legislature, Second Session, 2026; to change certain appropriations; 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, 43:

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

Voting in the negative, 2:

Armendariz\*      Juarez

Excused and not voting, 4:

Bostar              DeBoer              Dungan              Jacobson

\* Senator was Present Not Voting at the time of the recorded vote (Rule 6, Sec. 9).

A constitutional two-thirds majority having voted in the affirmative, the bill was declared passed with the emergency clause and the title agreed to.

**PRESIDENT SIGNED**

While the Legislature was in session and capable of transacting business, the President signed the following: LBs 948e, 1001e, and 1001Ae.

**RESOLUTION(S)**

**LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 367.** Introduced by Murman, 38.

WHEREAS, in the 2025 season, Sandy Creek High School sophomore quarterback Kamerin Sealey rushed for a total of thirty-eight touchdowns and passed for a total of thirty-six touchdowns; and

WHEREAS, Kamerin Sealey has led the Sandy Creek Cougars to back-to-back Class D-1 state championships; and

WHEREAS, Kamerin was honored as the top D-1 player in the State of Nebraska; and

WHEREAS, such an 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 Kamerin Sealey for his athletic achievements.
2. That copies of this resolution be sent to Kamerin Sealey and Sandy Creek High School.

Laid over.

#### GENERAL FILE

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 1133.** Title read. Considered.

Committee [AM2008](#), found on page 916, was offered.

Senator Kauth offered [AM2413](#), found on page 932, to the committee amendment.

The Kauth amendment was adopted with 33 ayes, 0 nays, 13 present and not voting, and 3 excused and not voting.

The committee amendment, as amended, was adopted with 34 ayes, 0 nays, 12 present and not voting, and 3 excused and not voting.

Advanced to Enrollment and Review Initial with 36 ayes, 0 nays, 10 present and not voting, and 3 excused and not voting.

#### SELECT FILE

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 1235.** [ER136](#), found on page 1000, was offered.

ER136 was adopted.

Senator Kauth withdrew [FA895](#), found on page 454.

Senator Holdcroft offered [AM2524](#), found on page 993.

The Holdcroft amendment was adopted with 41 ayes, 0 nays, 5 present and not voting, and 3 excused and not voting.

Advanced to Enrollment and Review for Engrossment.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 1155.** Senator Kauth withdrew [FA815](#), found on page 413.

Advanced to Enrollment and Review for Engrossment.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 1101.** [ER134](#), found on page 1001, was offered.

ER134 was adopted.

Senator Kauth withdrew [FA760](#), found on page 387.

Advanced to Enrollment and Review for Engrossment.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 985.** [ER137](#), found on page 1000, was offered.

ER137 was adopted.

Senator Kauth withdrew [FA641](#), found on page 291.

Advanced to Enrollment and Review for Engrossment.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 1205.** Senator Kauth withdrew [FA865](#), found on page 451.

Senator Clouse offered the following amendment:

[AM2630](#)

1 1. Strike the original sections and insert the following new  
2 sections:  
3 Section 1. Section 81-12,162, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska,  
4 is amended to read:  
5 81-12,162 (1) The department shall establish a small business  
6 investment program. The program:  
7 (a) Shall provide grants to microloan delivery organizations,  
8 microloan technical assistance organizations, and innovation hubs to:  
9 (i) Better assure that Nebraska's microenterprises are able to  
10 realize their full potential to create jobs, enhance entrepreneurial  
11 skills and activity, and increase low-income households' capacity to  
12 become self-sufficient;  
13 (ii) Provide funding to foster the creation of microenterprises;  
14 (iii) Establish the department as the coordinating office for the  
15 facilitation of microlending and microenterprise development;  
16 (iv) Facilitate the development of a permanent, statewide  
17 infrastructure of microlending support organizations to serve Nebraska's  
18 microenterprise and self-employment sectors;  
19 (v) Enable the department to provide grants to community-based  
20 microenterprise development organizations in order to encourage the  
21 development and growth of microenterprises throughout Nebraska; and  
22 (vi) Enable the department to engage in contractual relationships  
23 with statewide microlending support organizations and innovation hubs  
24 which have the capacity to leverage additional nonstate funds for  
25 microenterprise lending.  
26 To the maximum extent possible, the selection process should assure  
27 that the distribution of such financial assistance provides equitable  
1 access to the benefits of the Business Innovation Act by all geographic  
2 areas of the state; and  
3 (b) May identify and coordinate other state and federal sources of  
4 funds which may be available to the department to enhance the state's  
5 ability to facilitate financial assistance pursuant to the program.  
6 (2) To establish the criteria for making an award to a microloan  
7 delivery organization, microloan technical assistance organization, or  
8 innovation hub, the department shall consider:  
9 (a) The plan for providing business development services and  
10 microloans to microenterprises;  
11 (b) The scope of services to be provided by the microloan delivery  
12 organization, microloan technical assistance organization, or innovation  
13 hub;  
14 (c) The plan for coordinating the services and loans provided by the

15 microloan delivery organization, microloan technical assistance  
 16 organization, or innovation hub with commercial lending institutions;  
 17 (d) The geographic representation of all regions of the state,  
 18 including both urban and rural communities and neighborhoods;  
 19 (e) The ability of the microloan delivery organization, microloan  
 20 technical assistance organization, or innovation hub to provide for  
 21 business development in areas of chronic economic distress and low-income  
 22 regions of the state;  
 23 (f) The ability of the microloan delivery organization, microloan  
 24 technical assistance organization, or innovation hub to provide business  
 25 training and technical assistance to microenterprise clients;  
 26 (g) The ability of the microloan delivery organization, microloan  
 27 technical assistance organization, or innovation hub to monitor and  
 28 provide financial oversight of recipients of microloans; and  
 29 (h) Sources and sufficiency of operating funds for the  
 30 microenterprise development organization.  
 31 (3) Awards made by the department to a microloan delivery  
 1 organization, microloan technical assistance organization, or innovation  
 2 hub may be used to:  
 3 (a) Satisfy matching fund requirements for other federal or private  
 4 grants;  
 5 (b) Establish a revolving loan fund from which the microloan  
 6 delivery organization, microloan technical assistance organization, or  
 7 innovation hub may make loans to microenterprises;  
 8 (c) Establish a guaranty fund from which the microloan delivery  
 9 organization, microloan technical assistance organization, or innovation  
 10 hub may guarantee loans made by commercial lending institutions to  
 11 microenterprises;  
 12 (d) Provide funding for the operating costs of a microloan delivery  
 13 organization, microloan technical assistance organization, or innovation  
 14 hub not to exceed twenty percent; and  
 15 (e) Provide grants to establish loan-loss reserve funds to match  
 16 loan capital borrowed from other sources, including federal  
 17 microenterprise loan programs.  
 18 (4) Any award of financial assistance to a microloan delivery  
 19 organization, microloan technical assistance organization, or innovation  
 20 hub shall meet the following qualifications:  
 21 (a) Funds shall be matched by nonstate funds equivalent in money or  
 22 in-kind contributions or a combination of both equal to thirty-five  
 23 percent of the grant funds requested. Such matching funds may be from any  
 24 nonstate source, including private foundations, federal or local  
 25 government sources, quasi-governmental entities, or commercial lending  
 26 institutions, or any other funds whose source does not include funds  
 27 appropriated by the Legislature;  
 28 (b) Microloan funds shall be disbursed in microloans which do not  
 29 exceed one hundred fifty thousand dollars or used to capitalize loan-loss  
 30 reserve funds for such loans; and  
 31 (c) A minimum of fifty percent of the microloan funds shall be used  
 1 by a microenterprise development assistance organization for small  
 2 business technical assistance.  
 3 The department shall contract with a statewide microenterprise  
 4 development assistance organization to carry out this section.  
 5 (5) ~~The Each year the department may award up to three million~~  
 6 dollars per year under this section and beginning in fiscal year 2027-28,  
 7 shall award up to three million dollars per year under this section.

The Clouse amendment was adopted with 34 ayes, 0 nays, 12 present and not voting, and 3 excused and not voting.

Advanced to Enrollment and Review for Engrossment.

**GENERAL FILE**

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 912.** Committee [AM2224](#), found on page 817 and considered on page 989, was renewed.

Senator Hansen offered [AM2423](#), found on page 937, to the committee amendment.

**SPEAKER ARCH PRESIDING**

The Hansen amendment was adopted with 31 ayes, 0 nays, 15 present and not voting, and 3 excused and not voting.

Senator DeKay offered [AM2409](#), found on page 938, to the committee amendment.

The DeKay amendment was withdrawn.

Senator Riepe offered [AM2464](#), found on page 959, to the committee amendment.

The Riepe amendment was adopted with 32 ayes, 0 nays, 14 present and not voting, and 3 excused and not voting.

Senator Ballard offered [AM2578](#), found on page 1033, to the committee amendment.

The Ballard amendment was adopted with 33 ayes, 0 nays, 13 present and not voting, and 3 excused and not voting.

The committee amendment, as amended, was adopted with 31 ayes, 0 nays, 15 present and not voting, and 3 excused and not voting.

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

**COMMITTEE REPORT(S)**

Appropriations

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 1210.** Placed on General File.

(Signed) Robert Clements, Chairperson

Natural Resources

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 1226.** Placed on General File.

(Signed) Tom Brandt, Chairperson

**PRESENTED TO THE GOVERNOR**

Presented to the Governor on March 12, 2026, at 9:49 a.m. were the following: LBs 948e, 1001e, and 1001Ae.

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

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

Senator Hansen filed the following amendment to LB304:

[FA1052](#)

Strike Section 1.

**RESOLUTION(S)**

**LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 368.** Introduced by Spivey, 13; Cavanaugh, J., 9; McKinney, 11; Rountree, 3.

WHEREAS, Salem Baptist Church has long stood as a pillar of faith, service, and strength within its community and has built an enduring legacy of servant leadership, spiritual guidance, advocacy, and unity; and

WHEREAS, for generations, Salem Baptist Church has provided a place of hope, fellowship, and outreach that positively impacts the lives of countless individuals and families; and

WHEREAS, the installation of a pastor represents both a sacred calling and a significant milestone in the life of a congregation, symbolizing continuity of faith and renewal of vision; and

WHEREAS, on March 6 through March 8, 2026, installation services will be held to formally install Pastor Jarvis A. Ellis, Sr. as senior pastor of Salem Baptist Church; and

WHEREAS, Pastor Ellis assumes this role upon the strong foundation established by faithful leaders who have shaped Salem Baptist Church into the impactful institution it is today; and

WHEREAS, the Legislature commends Salem Baptist Church for its longstanding service and positive impact within the community.

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

1. That the Legislature congratulates Pastor Jarvis A. Ellis, Sr. on the occasion of his installation as Pastor of Salem Baptist Church.

2. That a copy of this resolution be presented to Pastor Jarvis A. Ellis, Sr. as an expression of the Legislature's respect and best wishes for a tenure marked by wisdom, grace, and abundant blessings for the entire Salem church family.

Laid over.

**GENERAL FILE**

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 1010.** Title read. Considered.

Committee [AM2422](#), found on page 982, was offered.

Senator Brandt offered [AM2387](#), found on page 990, to the committee amendment.

The Brandt amendment was adopted with 25 ayes, 0 nays, 20 present and not voting, and 4 excused and not voting.

Senator Prokop offered the following amendment to the committee amendment:

[AM2517](#)

(Amendments to Standing Committee amendments, AM2422)

1 1. Insert the following new section:

2 Sec. 12. (1) A public power district shall not:

3 (a) Lease a private suite at any sporting or entertainment venue;

4 (b) Host or sponsor;

5 (i) Any tailgate or similar hospitality event; or

6 (ii) Any sporting tournament;

7 (c) Pay for the operation, ownership, or lease of a private aircraft

8 for transportation purposes; or

9 (d) Purchase:

10 (i) A ticket to any sporting event or entertainment event; or

11 (ii) A country club membership.

12 (2) A public power district shall limit such district's advertising

13 expenditures to public service announcements related to services provided

14 by such district.

15 2. Renumber the remaining sections accordingly.

**PRESIDENT KELLY PRESIDING**

The Prokop amendment lost with 7 ayes, 15 nays, 23 present and not voting, and 4 excused and not voting.

The committee amendment, as amended, was adopted with 26 ayes, 0 nays, 19 present and not voting, and 4 excused and not voting.

Senator Brandt withdrew [FA1016](#), found on page 778.

Advanced to Enrollment and Review Initial with 27 ayes, 0 nays, 18 present and not voting, and 4 excused and not voting.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 820.** Title read. Considered.

Committee [AM2425](#), found on page 989, was offered.

The committee amendment was adopted with 29 ayes, 0 nays, 16 present and not voting, and 4 excused and not voting.

Advanced to Enrollment and Review Initial with 30 ayes, 0 nays, 15 present and not voting, and 4 excused and not voting.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 758.** Title read. Considered.

Committee [AM2277](#), found on page 944, was offered.

The committee amendment was adopted with 30 ayes, 0 nays, 15 present and not voting, and 4 excused and not voting.

Advanced to Enrollment and Review Initial with 32 ayes, 0 nays, 13 present and not voting, and 4 excused and not voting.

**COMMITTEE REPORT(S)**  
Judiciary

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 983.** Placed on General File.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 785.** Placed on General File with amendment.

[AM2479](#)

1 1. Strike the original sections and insert the following new  
2 sections:  
3 Section 1. Section 28-508, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is  
4 amended to read:  
5 28-508 (1) A person commits the offense of possession of burglar's  
6 tools if such person:  
7 (a) ~~Knowingly~~He knowingly possesses any explosive, tool, instrument,  
8 key or lock adopted by a postal service for any box or other authorized  
9 receptacle for the deposit or delivery of mail, or other article adapted,  
10 designed, or commonly used for committing or facilitating the commission  
11 of an offense involving forcible entry into premises or theft by a  
12 physical taking; and  
13 (b) ~~Intends~~He intends to use the explosive, tool, instrument, key,  
14 lock, or article, or knows some person intends ultimately to use it, in  
15 the commission of an offense of the nature described in subdivision (1)  
16 (a) of this section.  
17 (2) Possession of burglar's tools is a Class IV felony.  
18 Sec. 2. Original section 28-508, Reissue Revised Statutes of  
19 Nebraska, is repealed.

(Signed) Carolyn Bosn, Chairperson

Education

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 599.** Placed on General File with amendment.

[AM2509](#) is available in the Bill Room.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 960.** Placed on General File with amendment.

[AM2314](#)

1 1. Strike the original sections and insert the following new  
2 sections:  
3 Section 1. Section 79-552, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is  
4 amended to read:

5 79-552 The board of education of a Class V school district shall  
 6 consist of nine voting members and also may include a nonvoting student  
 7 member or members selected pursuant to section 79-559. One voting member  
 8 shall be elected from each election district pursuant to section 32-545.  
 9 Each ~~voting~~ elected member elected shall be a resident of the election  
 10 district for at least six months prior to the election. Each candidate  
 11 for election to and each voting member of the board of education shall be  
 12 a taxpayer in and a resident of the election district of such school  
 13 district as designated pursuant to section 32-552.  
 14 Sec. 2. Section 79-559, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is  
 15 amended to read:  
 16 79-559 (1) The school board or board of education of any ~~Class I,~~  
 17 ~~II, III, or IV~~ school district may include at least one nonvoting member  
 18 who is a public high school student from the district. If the board  
 19 elects to include such a nonvoting student member, the student member  
 20 shall serve for a term of one year, beginning on September 1, and shall  
 21 be the student body or student council president, the senior class  
 22 representative, or a representative elected from and by the entire  
 23 student body, as designated by the voting members of the board.  
 24 (2) Any nonvoting student member of the board has the privilege of  
 25 attending all open meetings of the board but shall be excluded from  
 26 executive sessions.  
 27 Sec. 3. Original sections 79-552 and 79-559, Reissue Revised  
 1 Statutes of Nebraska, are repealed.

(Signed) Dave Murman, Chairperson

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

Senator DeKay filed the following amendment to LB1187:  
AM2503 is available in the Bill Room.

Senator Quick filed the following amendment to LB1219:  
FA1053  
 On page 2, after line 20 insert "(d) Political subdivision does not include villages."

Senator DeKay filed the following amendment to LB912:  
AM2642  
 1 1. Insert the following new sections:  
 2 Sec. 6. Section 38-2801, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement,  
 3 2024, is amended to read:  
 4 38-2801 Sections 38-2801 to 38-28,117 and section 7 of this act and  
 5 the Nebraska Drug Product Selection Act shall be known and may be cited  
 6 as the Pharmacy Practice Act.  
 7 Sec. 7. (1) Individuals employed by a facility where dispensed  
 8 drugs and devices are delivered from a pharmacy to be picked up by a  
 9 patient or caregiver, as requested by the patient, shall not be  
 10 considered to be engaging in the practice of pharmacy if:  
 11 (a) The drug or device has been prepaid by the patient or caregiver;  
 12 (b) The dispensing pharmacist has offered patient counseling either  
 13 prior to, or at the time of, dispensing;  
 14 (c) The drug or device is (i) maintained in the packaging as  
 15 received from the dispensing pharmacy and stored in accordance with the  
 16 manufacturer's recommendations and (ii) kept in a separate area from  
 17 other drugs or devices held by the facility;  
 18 (d) The drug or device being delivered is not a controlled  
 19 substance;

20 (e) A drug or device that is not picked up within thirty days after  
21 delivery is donated or destroyed by the facility or returned to the  
22 pharmacy and is not eligible for a refund of any amount paid;  
23 (f) The facility has implemented a written policy relating to the  
24 donation or destruction of a drug or device that is not picked up by a  
25 patient or caregiver within thirty days after delivery to the facility;  
26 and  
27 (g) The facility maintains documentation of the delivery of a drug  
1 or device under this subsection, including the date received, the name of  
2 the pharmacy, the name of the patient, the signature and printed name of  
3 the individual picking up the drug or device, the date it was picked up,  
4 and the date of donation, destruction, or return to a pharmacy.  
5 (2) A facility other than a pharmacy, acting in accordance with  
6 subsection (1) of this section, shall not be liable for the contents of a  
7 drug or device delivered to a patient.  
8 (3) The decision to accept a drug or device for delivery to a  
9 patient rests solely with the receiving facility.  
10 (4) The department, with the recommendation of the board, may adopt  
11 and promulgate rules and regulations for the administration of this  
12 section.  
13 Sec. 8. Section 38-2850, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is  
14 amended to read:  
15 38-2850 As authorized by the Uniform Credentialing Act, the practice  
16 of pharmacy may be engaged in by a pharmacist, a pharmacist intern, or a  
17 practitioner with a pharmacy license. The practice of pharmacy shall not  
18 be construed to include:  
19 (1) Practitioners, other than veterinarians, certified nurse  
20 midwives, certified registered nurse anesthetists, nurse practitioners,  
21 and physician assistants, who dispense drugs or devices as an incident to  
22 the practice of their profession, except that if such practitioner  
23 engages in dispensing such drugs or devices to his or her patients for  
24 which such patients are charged, such practitioner shall obtain a  
25 pharmacy license;  
26 (2) Persons who sell, offer, or expose for sale nonprescription  
27 drugs or proprietary medicines, the sale of which is not in itself a  
28 violation of the Nebraska Liquor Control Act;  
29 (3) Medical representatives, detail persons, or persons known by  
30 some name of like import, but only to the extent of permitting the  
31 relating of pharmaceutical information to health care professionals;  
1 (4) Licensed veterinarians practicing within the scope of their  
2 profession;  
3 (5) Certified nurse midwives, certified registered nurse  
4 anesthetists, nurse practitioners, and physician assistants who dispense  
5 sample medications which are provided by the manufacturer and are  
6 dispensed at no charge to the patient;  
7 (6) Optometrists who prescribe or dispense eyeglasses or contact  
8 lenses to their own patients, including contact lenses that contain and  
9 deliver ocular pharmaceutical agents as authorized under the Optometry  
10 Practice Act, and ophthalmologists who prescribe or dispense eyeglasses  
11 or contact lenses to their own patients, including contact lenses that  
12 contain and deliver ocular pharmaceutical agents;  
13 (7) Registered nurses or licensed practical nurses employed by a  
14 hospital who administer pursuant to a chart order, or procure for such  
15 purpose, single doses of drugs or devices from original drug or device  
16 containers or properly labeled repackaged or prepackaged drug or device  
17 containers to persons registered as patients and within the confines of  
18 the hospital;  
19 (8) Persons employed by a facility where dispensed drugs and devices  
20 are delivered from a pharmacy for pickup by a patient or caregiver and no  
21 dispensing or storage of drugs or devices occurs;

22 (9) Persons who sell or purchase medical products, compounds,  
23 vaccines, or serums used in the prevention or cure of animal diseases and  
24 maintenance of animal health if such medical products, compounds,  
25 vaccines, or serums are not sold or purchased under a direct, specific,  
26 written medical order of a licensed veterinarian;  
27 (10) A person accredited by an accrediting body who, pursuant to a  
28 medical order, (a) administers, dispenses, or distributes medical gas or  
29 medical gas devices to patients or ultimate users or (b) purchases or  
30 receives medical gas or medical gas devices for administration,  
31 dispensing, or distribution to patients or ultimate users; ~~and~~  
1 (11) A person accredited by an accrediting body who, pursuant to a  
2 medical order, (a) sells, delivers, or distributes devices described in  
3 subsection (2) of section 38-2841 to patients or ultimate users or (b)  
4 purchases or receives such devices with intent to sell, deliver, or  
5 distribute to patients or ultimate users; ~~and~~.  
6 (12) ~~Individuals described in section 7 of this act.~~  
7 Sec. 9. Original section 38-2850, Reissue Revised Statutes of  
8 Nebraska, and section 38-2801, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement,  
9 2024, are repealed.

**NOTICE OF COMMITTEE HEARING(S)**

Agriculture  
Room 1525 12:00 PM

Thursday, March 19, 2026  
AM2503 Amending LB1187

(Signed) Barry DeKay, Chairperson

Health and Human Services  
Room 1510 12:15 PM

Thursday, March 19, 2026  
AM2642 Amending LB912

(Signed) Brian Hardin, Chairperson

**GENERAL FILE**

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 1236.** Title read. Considered.

Committee [AM2143](#), found on page 716, was offered.

The committee amendment was adopted with 29 ayes, 0 nays, 15 present and not voting, and 5 excused and not voting.

Senator Hansen withdrew [AM1983](#), found on page 663.

Advanced to Enrollment and Review Initial with 29 ayes, 0 nays, 15 present and not voting, and 5 excused and not voting.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 787.** 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.

### EASE

The Legislature was at ease from 11:40 a.m. until 11:41 a.m.

### COMMITTEE REPORT(S)

Education

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 1216.** Placed on General File with amendment.

#### [AM2440](#)

1 1. On page 2, strike lines 12 through 17 and insert the following  
2 new subdivision:  
3 "(2)(a) The director shall offer and make available educational  
4 services and educational programming to any person committed to the  
5 department who is under twenty-one years of age and who has not  
6 previously earned a high school diploma or diploma of high school  
7 equivalency. The director shall ensure special education services are  
8 provided as required by state and federal law. Nothing in this subsection  
9 requires participation by any person committed to the department in  
10 educational services or educational programming except to the extent  
11 necessary to provide services required by law."

(Signed) Dave Murman, Chairperson

### AMENDMENT(S) - Print in Journal

Senator Clements filed the following amendment to [LB1210](#):

#### [AM2640](#)

1 1. Strike the original sections and insert the following new  
2 sections:  
3 Section 1. Section 75-104, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement,  
4 2024, is amended to read:  
5 75-104 (1) Until January 7, 2027, the annual salary of each  
6 commissioner shall be fifty thousand dollars. Commencing January 4, 2007,  
7 the annual salary of each commissioner shall be seventy-five thousand  
8 dollars. Commencing January 7, 2027, the annual salary of each  
9 commissioner shall be one hundred five thousand dollars.  
10 (2) Each commissioner shall be entitled to receive from the state  
11 his or her mileage expenses incurred while traveling in the line of duty  
12 to and from his or her residence to the office of the Public Service  
13 Commission in Lincoln pursuant to the following conditions:  
14 (a) The Public Service Commission has adopted and promulgated rules  
15 and regulations establishing guidelines for allowable reimbursement of  
16 such mileage expenses, except that such mileage rate shall not exceed the  
17 mileage rate established by the Department of Administrative Services  
18 pursuant to section 81-1176;  
19 (b) The request for such reimbursement falls within such guidelines;  
20 and  
21 (c) The total amounts authorized for such reimbursement of mileage  
22 expenses in any fiscal year does not cause the total expenses to exceed  
23 the total funds appropriated to the program established for  
24 commissioners' expenses. In addition thereto, the commissioners,  
25 executive director, clerks, and other employees of the commission shall

26 be reimbursed for expenses, including the cost of transportation while  
 27 traveling on the business of the commission, to be paid in the same  
 1 manner as other requests for payment or reimbursement from the state. In  
 2 computing the cost of transportation for the commissioners, executive  
 3 director, clerks, and other employees, no mileage or other traveling  
 4 expense shall be requested or allowed unless sections 81-1174 to 81-1177  
 5 are strictly complied with.

6 Sec. 2. Section 84-201.01, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is  
 7 amended to read:

8 84-201.01 Until January 7, 2027, 2007, the annual salary of the  
 9 Attorney General shall be seventy-five thousand dollars. Commencing  
 10 January 4, 2007, the annual salary of the Attorney General shall be  
 11 ninety-five thousand dollars. Commencing January 7, 2027, the annual  
 12 salary of the Attorney General shall be one hundred thirty-five thousand  
 13 dollars. The salary of the Attorney General shall be payable in equal  
 14 monthly installments.

15 Sec. 3. Section 84-721, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is  
 16 amended to read:

17 84-721 Until January 7, 2027, 2007, there shall be paid as salaries  
 18 to certain constitutional officers as follows: Secretary of State, the  
 19 sum of sixty-five thousand dollars per year; Auditor of Public Accounts,  
 20 the sum of sixty thousand dollars per year; State Treasurer, the sum of  
 21 sixty thousand dollars per year; and Lieutenant Governor, the sum of  
 22 sixty thousand dollars per year. Commencing January 4, 2007, there shall  
 23 be paid as salaries to certain constitutional officers as follows:  
 24 Secretary of State, the sum of eighty-five thousand dollars per year;  
 25 Auditor of Public Accounts, the sum of eighty-five thousand dollars per  
 26 year; State Treasurer, the sum of eighty-five thousand dollars per year;  
 27 and Lieutenant Governor, the sum of seventy-five thousand dollars per  
 28 year. Commencing January 7, 2027, there shall be paid as salaries to  
 29 certain constitutional officers as follows: Secretary of State, the sum  
 30 of one hundred twenty thousand dollars per year; Auditor of Public  
 31 Accounts, the sum of one hundred twenty thousand dollars per year; State  
 1 Treasurer, the sum of one hundred twenty thousand dollars per year; and  
 2 Lieutenant Governor, the sum of one hundred five thousand dollars per  
 3 year. Such salaries shall be payable in equal monthly installments.

4 Sec. 4. Original sections 84-201.01 and 84-721, Reissue Revised  
 5 Statutes of Nebraska, and section 75-104, Revised Statutes Cumulative  
 6 Supplement, 2024, are repealed.

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

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

Senator Conrad name added to LB1205.

**VISITOR(S)**

Visitors to the Chamber were Naasir Spivey, Omaha; students from Bryan Elementary, Lexington; members of Nemaha County Leadership; students from Arbor View Elementary, Elkhorn; Julie and Brady Heimes, Wynot.

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

**ADJOURNMENT**

At 11:42 a.m., on a motion by Senator Hunt, the Legislature adjourned until 9:00 a.m., Tuesday, March 17, 2026.

Brandon Metzler  
Clerk of the Legislature