

FORTY-FOURTH DAY - MARCH 17, 2026

LEGISLATIVE JOURNAL

**ONE HUNDRED NINTH LEGISLATURE
SECOND SESSION**

FORTY-FOURTH DAY

Legislative Chamber, Lincoln, Nebraska
Tuesday, March 17, 2026

PRAYER

The prayer was offered by Senator Lippincott.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was offered by Senator Clouse.

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 Armendariz, Bostar, M. Cavanaugh, Dover, Fredrickson, Hughes, Prokop, Rountree, Sorrentino, Spivey, and Strommen who were excused until they arrive.

CORRECTIONS FOR THE JOURNAL

The Journal for the forty-third day was approved.

MESSAGE(S) FROM THE GOVERNOR

March 12, 2026

Brandon Metzler
Clerk of the Legislature
State Capitol, Room 2018
Lincoln, NE 68509

Dear Clerk Metzler:

Engrossed Legislative Bills 720e, 771e, and 956e were received in my office on March 6, 2026, and signed on March 12, 2026.

These bills were delivered to the Secretary of State on March 12, 2026.

Sincerely,
(Signed) Jim Pillen
Governor

March 16, 2026

Brandon Metzler
Clerk of the Legislature
State Capitol, Room 2018
Lincoln, NE 68509

Dear Clerk Metzler:

Engrossed Legislative Bills 948e, 1001e, and 1001Ae, were received in my office on March 12, 2026, and signed on March 16, 2026.

These bills were delivered to the Secretary of State on March 16, 2026.

Sincerely,
(Signed) Jim Pillen
Governor

March 12, 2026

Mr. President, Speaker Arch
and Members of the Legislature
State Capitol
Lincoln, NE 68509

Dear Mr. President, Speaker Arch, and Members of the Legislature:

Contingent upon your approval, the following individual is being appointed as a member of the Public Employees Retirement Board:

Thomas Dargy, 15757 S 57th Street, Papillion NE 68133, County Retirement Program.

The aforementioned appointee is respectfully submitted for your consideration. Copies of the certificate and background information are included for your review.

Sincerely,
(Signed) Jim Pillen
Governor

Enclosures

COMMITTEE REPORT(S)
Enrollment and Review

LEGISLATIVE BILL 429. Placed on Final Reading with the attached statement.

[ST62](#)

The following changes, required to be reported for publication in the Journal, have been made:

1. In the E&R amendments, ER116, on page 1, line 2, ", powers," has been inserted after "requirements".

LEGISLATIVE BILL 721. Placed on Final Reading.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 722. Placed on Final Reading.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 778. Placed on Final Reading with the attached statement.

[ST65](#)

The following changes, required to be reported for publication in the Journal, have been made:

1. On page 1, lines 3 and 4, "and authorized amounts" has been struck.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 797. Placed on Final Reading.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 798. Placed on Final Reading.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 816. Placed on Final Reading with the attached statement.

[ST61](#)

The following changes, required to be reported for publication in the Journal, have been made:

1. On page 1, the matter beginning with "provide" in line 1 through line 3 has been struck and "amend sections 71-919 and 71-1203, Revised Statutes Supplement, 2025; to provide a privilege for peer support services communications; to define terms; to provide for immunity; to change provisions relating to persons taken into emergency protective custody; to harmonize provisions; to provide operative dates; to repeal the original sections; and to declare an emergency." inserted.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 824. Placed on Final Reading.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 834. Placed on Final Reading with the attached statement.

[ST67](#)

The following changes, required to be reported for publication in the Journal, have been made:

1. On page 1, the matter beginning with "counties" in line 1 through line 22 has been struck and "property; to amend sections 23-3201, 69-2303, 69-2308, 76-14,109, 77-123, 77-421, 77-1303, 77-1311, 77-1315, 77-1315.01, 77-1318, 77-1507, 77-1739, 77-1862, 77-3706, 77-3707, and 77-5027, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, sections 60-149, 69-2302, 77-1311.03, 77-1502, and 77-1514, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024, and sections 60-166, 77-1301, 77-1613, 77-1701, and 77-2703, Revised Statutes Supplement, 2025; to redefine a term; to provide for the appointment of deputy county assessors; to provide for certificates of title for mobile homes as prescribed; to change provisions relating to certain property and define and redefine terms under the Disposition of Personal Property Landlord and Tenant Act; to provide for certain certification examinations for county assessors as prescribed; to provide powers and duties to the Property Tax Administrator; to change the duties of certain county assessors; to change provisions relating to real property assessments; to change the deadline for reporting certain improvements to real property; to change provisions relating to the preparation of tax lists; to change the required contents of statements for taxes levied in counties; to change provisions relating to the cancellation and extinguishment of certain delinquent taxes; to change provisions relating to remitting certain sales and use taxes; to eliminate a fee and change certain application provisions relating to mobile homes; to change provisions relating to certain annual reports and opinions provided by the Property Tax

Administrator; to eliminate obsolete provisions; to harmonize provisions; and to repeal the original sections." inserted.

2. On page 31, line 13, "69-2303, 69-2308, 76-14,109," has been inserted after "23-3201,"; in line 16 "60-149, 69-2302," has been inserted after "sections"; and in line 17 "60-166," has been inserted after "sections".

LEGISLATIVE BILL 883. Placed on Final Reading.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 903. Placed on Final Reading.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 954. Placed on Final Reading.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 979. Placed on Final Reading with the attached statement.

ST63

The following changes, required to be reported for publication in the Journal, have been made:

1. On page 1, lines 2 through 10 have been struck and "sections 37-327.01, 37-406, 37-431, 37-484, and 37-1241.02, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, sections 37-201, 37-247.01, 37-324, 37-415, 37-447, 37-449, 37-450, 37-456, 37-456.01, 37-457, and 37-4,111, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024, and sections 37-327.04, 37-451, 37-455, and 37-1214, Revised Statutes Supplement, 2025; to redefine a term; to change provisions relating to funds, fees, permits, and floatation devices; to provide for mountain lion permits; to provide for fees for educational programs; to provide a penalty; to harmonize provisions; and to repeal the original sections." inserted.

2. On page 2, line 4, "17" has been struck and "20" inserted.

3. On page 19, line 3, ", 37-456" has been inserted after "37-450"; in line 3 ", 37-457" has been inserted after "37-456.01"; and in line 5 ", 37-455" has been inserted after "37-451".

LEGISLATIVE BILL 1127. Placed on Final Reading.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 1127A. Placed on Final Reading.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 901. Placed on Select File with amendment.

[ER133](#) is available in the Bill Room.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 768. Placed on Select File with amendment.

[ER145](#) is available in the Bill Room.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 1067. Placed on Select File.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 1071. Placed on Select File with amendment.

ER143

1. On page 1, strike beginning with "LB177A" in line 1 through line 2 17 and insert "LB 48A, section 1; Laws 2025, LB177A, section 1; Laws 2025, LB261, sections 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 26, 27, 28, 29, 31, 39, 51, 52, 54, 67, 69, 71, 72, 73, 74, 76, 77, 78, 81, 82, 87, 91, 92, 93, 94, 97, 99, 100, 102, 103, 105, 106, 107, 108, 113, 114, 127, 131, 132, 133, 135, 145, 153, 154, 155, 156, 157, 158, 159, 162, 164, 174, 175, 176, 182, 186, 187, 202, 211, 214, 215, 218, 220, 222, 225, 228, 229, 231, 232, 245, 246, 248, 255, 258, 269, 276, 279, 280, 285, 300, 302, 303, 304, 305, 306, and 308; and Laws 2025, LB293A, section 1; 10 to define terms; to provide, change, and eliminate provisions related to 11 appropriations for the expenses of Nebraska State Government for the 12 biennium ending June 30, 2027; to provide severability; to repeal the 13 original sections; to outright repeal Laws 2025, LB150A, section 1; Laws 2025, LB261, sections 247, 256, 257, 260, 261, 262, 263, 265, and 266; 15 Laws 2025, LB298A, sections 1 and 2; and Laws 2025, LB382A, section 1; 16 and to declare an emergency.".

(Signed) Dunixi Guereca, Chairperson

BILLS ON FIRST READING

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

LEGISLATIVE BILL 820A. Introduced by Ballard, 21.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to appropriations; to appropriate funds to aid in carrying out the provisions of Legislative Bill 820, One Hundred Ninth Legislature, Second Session, 2026; and to declare an emergency.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 901A. Introduced by von Gillern, 4.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to appropriations; to appropriate funds to aid in carrying out the provisions of Legislative Bill 901, One Hundred Ninth Legislature, Second Session, 2026; and to declare an emergency.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 1181A. Introduced by Bosn, 25.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to appropriations; to appropriate funds to aid in carrying out the provisions of Legislative Bill 1181, One Hundred Ninth Legislature, Second Session, 2026.

AMENDMENT(S) - Print in Journal

Senator Bosn filed the following amendment to [LB838](#):
[AM2635](#)

(Amendments to E&R amendments, ER141)

1 1. Strike section 25 and insert the following new sections:
2 Sec. 25. Section 87-302, Revised Statutes Supplement, 2025, is
3 amended to read:
4 87-302 (a) A person engages in a deceptive trade practice when, in
5 the course of his or her business, vocation, or occupation, he or she:
6 (1) Passes off goods or services as those of another;
7 (2) Causes likelihood of confusion or of misunderstanding as to the
8 source, sponsorship, approval, or certification of goods or services;
9 (3) Causes likelihood of confusion or of misunderstanding as to
10 affiliation, connection, or association with, or certification by,
11 another;
12 (4) Uses deceptive representations or designations of geographic
13 origin in connection with goods or services;
14 (5) Represents that goods or services have sponsorship, approval,
15 characteristics, ingredients, uses, benefits, or quantities that they do
16 not have or that a person has a sponsorship, approval, status,
17 affiliation, or connection that he or she does not have;
18 (6) Represents that goods or services do not have sponsorship,
19 approval, characteristics, ingredients, uses, benefits, or quantities
20 that they have or that a person does not have a sponsorship, approval,
21 status, affiliation, or connection that he or she has;
22 (7) Represents that goods are original or new if they are
23 deteriorated, altered, reconditioned, reclaimed, used, or secondhand,
24 except that sellers may repair damage to and make adjustments on or
25 replace parts of otherwise new goods in an effort to place such goods in
26 compliance with factory specifications;

1 (8) Represents that goods or services are of a particular standard,
2 quality, or grade, or that goods are of a particular style or model, if
3 they are of another;
4 (9) Disparages the goods, services, or business of another by false
5 or misleading representation of fact;
6 (10) Advertises goods or services with intent not to sell them as
7 advertised or advertises the price in any manner calculated or tending to
8 mislead or in any way deceive a person;
9 (11) Advertises goods or services with intent not to supply
10 reasonably expectable public demand, unless the advertisement discloses a
11 limitation of quantity;
12 (12) Makes false or misleading statements of fact concerning the
13 reasons for, existence of, or amounts of price reductions;
14 (13) Uses or promotes the use of or establishes, operates, or
15 participates in a pyramid promotional scheme in connection with the
16 solicitation of such scheme to members of the public. This subdivision
17 shall not be construed to prohibit a plan or operation, or to define a
18 plan or operation as a pyramid promotional scheme, based on the fact that
19 participants in the plan or operation give consideration in return for
20 the right to receive compensation based upon purchases of goods,
21 services, or intangible property by participants for personal use,
22 consumption, or resale so long as the plan or operation does not promote
23 or induce inventory loading and the plan or operation implements an
24 appropriate inventory repurchase program;
25 (14) With respect to a sale or lease to a natural person of goods or
26 services purchased or leased primarily for personal, family, household,
27 or agricultural purposes, uses or employs any referral or chain referral
28 sales technique, plan, arrangement, or agreement;
29 (15) Knowingly makes a false or misleading statement in a privacy
30 policy, published on the Internet or otherwise distributed or published,
31 regarding the use of personal information submitted by members of the
1 public;
2 (16) Uses any scheme or device to defraud by means of:
3 (i) Obtaining money or property by knowingly false or fraudulent
4 pretenses, representations, or promises; or
5 (ii) Selling, distributing, supplying, furnishing, or procuring any
6 property for the purpose of furthering such scheme;
7 (17) Offers an unsolicited check, through the mail or by other
8 means, to promote goods or services if the cashing or depositing of the
9 check obligates the endorser or payee identified on the check to pay for
10 goods or services. This subdivision does not apply to an extension of
11 credit or an offer to lend money;
12 (18) Mails or causes to be sent an unsolicited billing statement,
13 invoice, or other document that appears to obligate the consumer to make
14 a payment for services or merchandise he or she did not order;
15 (19)(i) Installs, offers to install, or makes available for
16 installation or download a covered file-sharing program on a computer not
17 owned by such person without providing clear and conspicuous notice to
18 the owner or authorized user of the computer that files on that computer
19 will be made available to the public and without requiring intentional
20 and affirmative activation of the file-sharing function of such covered
21 file-sharing program by the owner or authorized user of the computer; or
22 (ii) Prevents reasonable efforts to block the installation,
23 execution, or disabling of a covered file-sharing program;
24 (20) Violates any provision of the Nebraska Foreclosure Protection
25 Act;
26 (21) In connection with the solicitation of funds or other assets
27 for any charitable purpose, or in connection with any solicitation which
28 represents that funds or assets will be used for any charitable purpose,
29 uses or employs any deception, fraud, false pretense, false promise,

30 misrepresentation, unfair practice, or concealment, suppression, or
31 omission of any material fact;
1 (22)(i) In the manufacture, production, importation, distribution,
2 promotion, display for sale, offer for sale, attempt to sell, or sale of
3 a substance:
4 (A) Makes a deceptive or misleading representation or designation,
5 or omits material information, about a substance or fails to identify the
6 contents of the package or the nature of the substance contained inside
7 the package; or
8 (B) Causes confusion or misunderstanding as to the effects a
9 substance causes when ingested, injected, inhaled, or otherwise
10 introduced into the human body.
11 (ii) A person shall be deemed to have committed a violation of the
12 Uniform Deceptive Trade Practices Act for each individually packaged
13 product that is either manufactured, produced, imported, distributed,
14 promoted, displayed for sale, offered for sale, attempted to sell, or
15 sold in violation of this section. A violation under this subdivision (a)
16 (22) shall be treated as a separate and distinct violation from any other
17 offense arising out of acts alleged to have been committed while the
18 person was in violation of this section;
19 (23)(i) Manufactures, produces, publishes, distributes, monetizes,
20 promotes, or otherwise makes publicly available any visual depiction of
21 sexually explicit conduct, any obscene material, or any material that is
22 harmful to minors in which any person depicted as a participant or
23 observer:
24 (A) Is under eighteen years of age;
25 (B) Is a trafficking victim;
26 (C) Has not expressly and voluntarily consented to such person's
27 depiction; or
28 (D) Participated in any act depicted without consent.
29 (ii) This subdivision (a)(23) does not apply to any
30 telecommunications or broadband Internet access service.
31 (iii) For purposes of this subdivision (a)(23):
1 (A) Harmful to minors has the same meaning as in 47 U.S.C. 254, as
2 such section existed on January 1, 2024;
3 (B) Obscene material has the same meaning as in section 28-807;
4 (C) Promote means to use any mechanism or publication, or take any
5 action, that suggests, highlights, advertises, markets, curates,
6 backlinks, hashtags, or otherwise directs, attempts to direct, or
7 encourages traffic toward specific materials, including acts carried out
8 affirmatively, through automation, algorithmically, and via other
9 technical means both known and unknown at this time;
10 (D) Publish means to communicate or make information available to
11 another person via an Internet website, regardless of whether the person
12 consuming, viewing, or receiving the material gives any consideration for
13 the published material;
14 (E) Trafficking victim has the same meaning as in section 28-830;
15 (F) Visual depiction of sexually explicit conduct has the same
16 meaning as in section 28-1802; and
17 (G) Without consent has the same meaning as in section 28-318;
18 (24) Offers or enters into a right-to-list home sale agreement as
19 defined in section 81-885.01; ~~or~~
20 (25) Violates section 81-2,282; ~~or~~
21 (26)(i) With respect to a social media platform that accepts
22 payment, or any other form of compensation or thing of value, for
23 advertising on its platform;
24 (A) Fails to establish and implement;
25 (I) Identity verification for advertisers;
26 (II) An unlawful impersonation detection and mitigation program;
27 (III) Automated and manual fraud detection systems;

28 (IV) Measures to prevent repeated offenses by the same advertiser;
29 (V) A clear and conspicuous tool for users to report suspected
30 fraud; and
31 (VI) A process for law enforcement to report suspected fraudulent
1 advertisements;
2 (B) After a fraudulent advertisement is reported by a user, fails to
3 investigate and determine if such advertisement constitutes a fraudulent
4 advertisement within five business days after such report;
5 (C) After determining an advertisement to be a fraudulent
6 advertisement, fails to remove such advertisement from its platform
7 within five business days after such determination;
8 (D) After a fraudulent advertisement is reported by law enforcement,
9 fails to notify the submitter of the status of their report within five
10 business days after receipt of such report; or
11 (E) Knowingly permits fraudulent advertisement on its platform or
12 ignores credible reports that content on its platform constitutes
13 fraudulent advertisement.
14 (ii) For purposes of this subdivision (a)(26):
15 (A) Advertiser means any person who pays, or provides compensation
16 or a thing of value, to advertise, promote, or otherwise increase
17 impressions of ads or content on a social media platform;
18 (B) Fraudulent advertisement means an ad or content that
19 misrepresents material facts or unlawfully impersonates another in order
20 to induce a transaction or extract a benefit, and a social media platform
21 accepts payment, or any other form of compensation or thing of value, to
22 advertise, promote, or otherwise increase impressions of the ad or
23 content on its platform; and
24 (C) Social media platform means an electronic medium, including a
25 browser-based or application-based interactive computer service, Internet
26 website, telephone network, or data network, that allows an account
27 holder to create, share, and view user-generated content for the purpose
28 of social interaction, sharing, or viewing user-generated content, or
29 personal networking. Social media platform does not include:
30 (I) An Internet search provider;
31 (II) An Internet service provider;
1 (III) An email service;
2 (IV) A streaming service, online video game, e-commerce, or other
3 Internet website where the content is not user generated but where
4 interactive functions enable chat, comments, reviews, or other
5 interactive functionality that is incidental to, directly related to, or
6 dependent upon providing the content;
7 (V) A communication service, including text, audio, or video
8 communication technology, provided by a business to the business's
9 employees and clients for use in the course of business activities and
10 not for public distribution, except that social media platform includes a
11 communication service provided by a social media platform;
12 (VI) An advertising network with the sole function of delivering
13 commercial content;
14 (VII) A telecommunications carrier as defined in 47 U.S.C. 153;
15 (VIII) A broadband Internet access service as defined in 47 C.F.R.
16 8.1(b);
17 (IX) Single-purpose community groups for education or public safety;
18 (X) Teleconferencing or video-conferencing services that allow
19 reception and transmission of audio and video signals for real-time
20 communication, except that social media platform includes
21 teleconferencing or video-conferencing services provided by a social
22 media platform;
23 (XI) Cloud computing services, which may include cloud storage and
24 shared document collaboration;
25 (XII) Providing or obtaining technical support for a platform.

26 product, or service:

27 (XIII) A platform designed primarily and specifically for creative
 28 professional users, as distinct from the general public, to share their
 29 portfolio and creative content, engage in professional networking,
 30 acquire clients, and market the creative professional user's creative
 31 content and creative services through facilitated transactions; or

1 (XIV) A cable operator or an affiliate of a cable operator as such
 2 terms are defined in 47 U.S.C. 522.

3 (b) In order to prevail in an action under the Uniform Deceptive
 4 Trade Practices Act, a complainant need not prove competition between the
 5 parties.

6 (c) This section does not affect unfair trade practices otherwise
 7 actionable at common law or under other statutes of this state.

8 (d) It shall not be considered a violation of any provision of
 9 antitrust laws for two or more entities to exchange or provide
 10 information on suspected fraudulent activity or suspicious transactions
 11 for purposes of identifying and enforcing against fraudulent advertisers
 12 or advertisements.

13 Sec. 39. Original section 87-302, Revised Statutes Supplement, 2025,
 14 is repealed.

15 2. On page 54, line 16, strike "87-302,".

16 3. Renumber the remaining sections accordingly.

17 4. Correct the operative date section so that the sections added by

18 this amendment become operative on January 1, 2027.

Senator DeKay filed the following amendments to LB1261:

AM2665

1 1. Insert the following new section:

2 Sec. 2. This act becomes operative on August 1, 2026.

3 2. Renumber the remaining section accordingly.

AM2666

1 1. Insert the following new section:

2 Sec. 2. This act becomes operative on August 2, 2026.

3 2. Renumber the remaining section accordingly.

AM2667

(Amendments to Final Reading copy)

1 1. Insert the following new section:

2 Sec. 2. This act becomes operative on August 1, 2026.

3 2. Renumber the remaining section accordingly.

RESOLUTION(S)

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 369. Introduced by Wordekemper, 15.

WHEREAS, the 2026 Nebraska School Activities Association State Swimming and Diving Championships were held at the Devaney Center Natatorium in Lincoln, Nebraska; and

WHEREAS, the Fremont High School Tigers boys swim team won the 200 freestyle relay marking the first time in ninety years that a team outside of the Lincoln or Omaha metro areas has won the relay event; and

WHEREAS, the second leg of Fremont's 200 freestyle relay team, Elliot Vech, won the individual 100 and 200 freestyle swimming championship

titles, the first individual wins by a Fremont swimmer at state since 1973; 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 swim team on winning the boys 200 freestyle relay championship title at the 2026 Nebraska School Activities Association State Swimming and Diving Championships.

2. That the Legislature congratulates Elliot Vech on winning the boys 100 and 200 individual freestyle championship titles at the 2026 Nebraska School Activities Association State Swimming and Diving Championships.

3. That copies of this resolution be sent to the Fremont High School boys swim team and Elliot Vech.

Laid over.

Pursuant to Rule 4, Sec. 5(b), LRs 357, 358, 359, 360, 361, 362, and 363 were adopted.

PRESIDENT SIGNED

While the Legislature was in session and capable of transacting business, the President signed the following: LRs 357, 358, 359, 360, 361, 362, and 363.

GENERAL FILE

LEGISLATIVE BILL 1236A. Title read. Considered.

Advanced to Enrollment and Review Initial with 39 ayes, 0 nays, 2 present and not voting, and 8 excused and not voting.

MOTION - Suspend Rules

Senator Hardin offered the following motion:

Suspend Rule 3, Sec. 14, to allow less than seven calendar days' notice of a public hearing for a gubernatorial appointee Makayla Brockhaus-Nebraska Rural Health Advisory Commission.

The Hardin motion to suspend the rules prevailed with 34 ayes, 0 nays, 8 present and not voting, and 7 excused and not voting.

NOTICE OF COMMITTEE HEARING(S)

Health and Human Services

Room 1510 12:15 PM

Monday, March 23, 2026

Makayla Brockhaus - Nebraska Rural Health Advisory Commission

(Signed) Brian Hardin, Chairperson

AMENDMENT(S) - Print in Journal

Senator Kauth filed the following amendment to LB901:

AM2599

(Amendments to E&R amendments, ER133)

- 1 1. Strike section 33 and insert the following new section:
- 2 Sec. 15. Section 77-3,110, Revised Statutes Supplement, 2025, is
- 3 amended to read:
- 4 77-3,110 ~~The~~(1) All funds received pursuant to sections 77-3,109 and
- 5 77-3,118 shall be remitted to the State Treasurer for credit to the
- 6 Department of Revenue Miscellaneous Receipts Fund which is hereby
- 7 created. The fund terminates on July 1, 2026, and the State Treasurer
- 8 shall transfer any money in the fund on such date to the Department of
- 9 Revenue Enforcement Fund.
- 10 (2) All money in the Department of Revenue Miscellaneous Receipts
- 11 Fund shall be administered by the Department of Revenue and shall be used
- 12 to defray the cost of production of the publications listed in section
- 13 77-3,109 or of the listings described in section 77-3,118 and to carry
- 14 out any administrative responsibilities of the department.
- 15 (3) Transfers may be made from the fund to the General Fund at the
- 16 direction of the Legislature. Any money in the Department of Revenue
- 17 Miscellaneous Receipts Fund available for investment shall be invested by
- 18 the state investment officer pursuant to the Nebraska Capital Expansion
- 19 Act and the Nebraska State Funds Investment Act.
- 20 2. On page 8, strike beginning with "with" in line 27 through the
- 21 comma in line 31 and insert "in which the cash device is located."
- 22 3. On page 9, strike lines 1 through 3.
- 23 4. On page 60, line 4, strike "Sixty-five and twenty-five" and
- 24 insert "Forty-six and seventy-five"; in line 6 reinstate "(d)" and insert
- 25 "Five" and reinstate beginning with "percent" through the semicolon in
- 26 line 7; in line 8 strike the new matter and reinstate "(e)" and insert
- 1 "Twenty"; in line 10 strike "(e)" and insert "(f)"; and in line 12 strike
- 2 "(f)", show as stricken, and insert "(g)".
- 3 5. Renumber the remaining sections and correct internal references
- 4 accordingly.
- 5 6. Correct the operative date and repealer sections so that the
- 6 section added by this amendment becomes operative on July 1, 2026.

Senator Hallstrom filed the following amendment to LB901:

AM2674

(Amendments to E&R amendments, ER133)

- 1 1. Insert the following new sections:
- 2 Sec. 9. Section 71-3801, Revised Statutes Supplement, 2025, is
- 3 amended to read:
- 4 71-3801 Sections 71-3801 to 71-3815 and section 2 of this act shall
- 5 be known and may be cited as the Kratom Consumer Protection Act.
- 6 Sec. 10. (1) Beginning January 1, 2027, an excise tax shall be
- 7 levied on the retail sale of kratom products to consumers. The tax shall
- 8 be at a rate of ten percent of the retail purchase price.
- 9 (2) The excise tax imposed by this section shall be in addition to

10 all other occupation, privilege sales, or use taxes imposed by this state
 11 or by any political subdivision of the state.

12 (3) Each retailer of kratom products shall maintain complete and
 13 accurate electronic records of sales of kratom products, in the manner
 14 prescribed by the Department of Revenue. Each such retailer shall provide
 15 such records to the department upon request.

16 (4)(a) Each retailer of kratom products shall file a return with the
 17 department by the twentieth day of the month following the month reported
 18 and with the report shall remit the amount of excise tax due.

19 (b) The return, which shall be upon forms prescribed and furnished
 20 by the department, shall contain, among other things, the total amount of
 21 kratom products sold or transferred during the preceding month and the
 22 amount of tax due thereon.

23 (c) The department may require retailers to file tax returns
 24 electronically and to remit payments due by electronic funds transfers.

25 (5) The department shall collect the excise tax and shall account
 26 for and remit to the State Treasurer at least once each month all money
 1 collected pursuant to such tax for credit to the General Fund.

2 Sec. 11. Section 71-3809, Revised Statutes Supplement, 2025, is
 3 amended to read:

4 71-3809 (1) No person shall sell, offer for sale, provide, or
 5 distribute an adulterated kratom product in the State of Nebraska.

6 (2) A product shall be deemed adulterated if:

7 (a) It contains any kratom alkaloid or metabolite, including
 8 7-hydroxymitragynine, and does not meet the definition of a kratom
 9 product under section 71-3802; or

10 (b) The kratom product is combined with a dangerous nonkratom
 11 substance that contains a poisonous or otherwise deleterious nonkratom
 12 ingredient, including, but not limited to, any substance listed as a
 13 controlled substance under the laws of this state or federal law.

14 (3) If the department has a reasonable belief that upon receipt of
 15 evidence that suggests a product may be an adulterated kratom product,
 16 the department may require the person selling, providing, or distributing
 17 the product to obtain an independent third-party test of the product by a
 18 laboratory of the department's choosing. A person shall not sell,
 19 provide, or distribute any product undergoing such testing until the test
 20 results verify that such product is not adulterated.

21 Sec. 12. Section 71-3810, Revised Statutes Supplement, 2025, is
 22 amended to read:

23 71-3810 (1) Any processor or retailer that violates any section of
 24 the Kratom Consumer Protection Act, including those related to the
 25 application or registration, or any of the rules and regulations adopted
 26 and promulgated by the department that apply to processors or kratom
 27 products shall be subject to the penalties provided in this section.

28 (2) For the first violation, the department shall impose a civil
 29 penalty of up to one thousand dollars. For the second violation, the
 30 department shall impose a civil penalty of up to five thousand dollars.
 31 For a third violation and any subsequent violations, the department shall
 1 impose a civil penalty of at least five thousand dollars and no more than
 2 twenty thousand dollars and, if the violator is a processor, the
 3 department shall prohibit the sale of any kratom products of such
 4 processor within the State of Nebraska for a period of three years.

5 (3) If a processor violates the Kratom Consumer Protection Act by
 6 selling, offering for sale, providing, or distributing an adulterated
 7 kratom product in the State of Nebraska, the department shall remove any
 8 product found to be adulterated from the list of registered kratom
 9 products on the department's website.

10 (4)(3) For any processor or retailer that has no violation for a
 11 period of four consecutive years, a new violation shall be treated as a
 12 first violation.

13 ~~(5)~~(4) No determination that a violation has occurred shall be made
 14 until notice has been given and a hearing has been held by the Tax
 15 Commissioner as provided in section 71-3811 if requested by the processor
 16 or retailer.
 17 ~~(6)~~(5) A retailer shall not be found to be in violation of the
 18 Kratom Consumer Protection Act if it is shown by a preponderance of the
 19 evidence that the retailer relied in good faith upon the representation
 20 of a processor that a product is not an adulterated kratom product as
 21 defined in section 71-3809 or otherwise conformed to the act.
 22 Sec. 13. Section 71-3812, Revised Statutes Supplement, 2025, is
 23 amended to read:
 24 71-3812 (1) The Attorney General shall have authority to enforce the
 25 Kratom Consumer Protection Act pursuant to the Consumer Protection Act
 26 and the Uniform Deceptive Trade Practices Act. This section shall not be
 27 construed to allow for a private right of action under the Kratom
 28 Consumer Protection Act even though such action is authorized under the
 29 Consumer Protection Act and the Uniform Deceptive Trade Practices Act.
 30 (2) If a kratom product is found to be adulterated under section
 31 71-3809 with ingredients not reflected on the label of the product, such
 1 violation of the Kratom Consumer Protection Act is also prima facie
 2 evidence of a violation of the Consumer Protection Act.
 3 2. Renumber the remaining sections and correct internal references
 4 accordingly.
 5 3. Correct the operative date and repealer sections so that sections
 6 added by this amendment become operative three calendar months after the
 7 adjournment of this legislative session.

GENERAL FILE

LEGISLATIVE BILL 1210. Title read. Considered.

Senator Clements withdrew [AM2640](#), found on page 1054.

Senator Clements offered the following amendment:

[AM2661](#)

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 eighty-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 84-101.01, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is
 7 amended to read:

8 84-101.01 Until January 7, 2027, 2007, the annual salary of the
 9 Governor shall be eighty-five thousand dollars. Commencing January 4,
 10 2007, the annual salary of the Governor shall be one hundred five
 11 thousand dollars. Commencing January 7, 2027, the annual salary of the
 12 Governor shall be one hundred thirty thousand dollars. Such salary shall
 13 be payable in equal monthly installments.

14 Sec. 3. Section 84-201.01, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is
 15 amended to read:

16 84-201.01 Until January 7, 2027, 2007, the annual salary of the
 17 Attorney General shall be seventy-five thousand dollars. Commencing
 18 January 4, 2007, the annual salary of the Attorney General shall be
 19 ninety-five thousand dollars. Commencing January 7, 2027, the annual
 20 salary of the Attorney General shall be one hundred twenty thousand
 21 dollars. The salary of the Attorney General shall be payable in equal
 22 monthly installments.

23 Sec. 4. Section 84-721, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is
 24 amended to read:

25 84-721 Until January 7, 2027, 2007, there shall be paid as salaries
 26 to certain constitutional officers as follows: Secretary of State, the
 27 sum of sixty-five thousand dollars per year; Auditor of Public Accounts,
 28 the sum of sixty thousand dollars per year; State Treasurer, the sum of
 29 sixty thousand dollars per year; and Lieutenant Governor, the sum of
 30 sixty thousand dollars per year. Commencing January 4, 2007, there shall
 31 be paid as salaries to certain constitutional officers as follows:
 1 Secretary of State, the sum of eighty-five thousand dollars per year;
 2 Auditor of Public Accounts, the sum of eighty-five thousand dollars per
 3 year; State Treasurer, the sum of eighty-five thousand dollars per year;
 4 and Lieutenant Governor, the sum of seventy-five thousand dollars per
 5 year. Commencing January 7, 2027, there shall be paid as salaries to
 6 certain constitutional officers as follows: Secretary of State, the sum
 7 of one hundred ten thousand dollars per year; Auditor of Public Accounts,
 8 the sum of one hundred ten thousand dollars per year; State Treasurer,
 9 the sum of one hundred ten thousand dollars per year; and Lieutenant
 10 Governor, the sum of ninety-five thousand dollars per year. Such salaries
 11 shall be payable in equal monthly installments.

12 Sec. 5. Original sections 84-101.01, 84-201.01, and 84-721, Reissue
 13 Revised Statutes of Nebraska, and section 75-104, Revised Statutes
 14 Cumulative Supplement, 2024, are repealed.

Senator Conrad offered the following amendment to the Clements
 amendment:

[AM2690](#)

(Amendments to AM2661)

1 1. Strike sections 1 to 5 and insert the following new sections:

2 Section 1. Section 84-721, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is
 3 amended to read:

4 84-721 Until January 4, 2007, there shall be paid as salaries to
 5 certain constitutional officers as follows: Secretary of State, the sum
 6 of sixty-five thousand dollars per year; Auditor of Public Accounts, the

7 ~~sum of sixty thousand dollars per year; State Treasurer, the sum of sixty~~
8 ~~thousand dollars per year; and Lieutenant Governor, the sum of sixty~~
9 ~~thousand dollars per year.~~ Commencing January 4, 2007, there shall be
10 paid as salaries to certain constitutional officers as follows: Secretary
11 of State, the sum of eighty-five thousand dollars per year; Auditor of
12 Public Accounts, the sum of eighty-five thousand dollars per year until
13 January 7, 2027; State Treasurer, the sum of eighty-five thousand dollars
14 per year; and Lieutenant Governor, the sum of seventy-five thousand
15 dollars per year. Commencing January 7, 2027, there shall be paid to the
16 Auditor of Public Accounts, as a salary, the sum of one hundred twenty
17 thousand dollars per year. Such salaries shall be payable in equal
18 monthly installments.
19 Sec. 2. Original section 84-721, Reissue Revised Statutes of
20 Nebraska, is repealed.

Pending.

COMMITTEE REPORT(S)
Revenue

LEGISLATIVE BILL 575. Placed on General File with amendment.
[AM1977](#) is available in the Bill Room.

(Signed) R. Brad von Gillern, Chairperson
Business and Labor

LEGISLATIVE BILL 1089. Placed on General File with amendment.
[AM2610](#)

1 1. Strike the original sections and insert the following new
2 sections:
3 Section 1. Section 48-3802, Revised Statutes Supplement, 2025, is
4 amended to read:
5 48-3802 For purposes of the Nebraska Healthy Families and Workplaces
6 Act:
7 (1) Department means the Department of Labor;
8 (2) Employ means to permit to work by an employer pursuant to an
9 employment relationship;
10 (3) Employee means any individual employed by an employer, but does
11 not include:
12 (a) An individual owner-operator;
13 (b) An independent contractor;
14 (c) An individual who works in Nebraska for fewer than eighty hours
15 in a calendar year;
16 (d) An individual who is employed in agricultural employment of a
17 seasonal or other temporary nature;
18 (e) An "employee" as defined by 45 U.S.C. 351(d) who is subject to
19 the federal Railroad Unemployment Insurance Act, 45 U.S.C. 351 et seq.;
20 ~~or~~
21 (f) An individual under sixteen years of age;
22 (g) An individual with an ownership interest in an employer of at
23 least ten percent; or
24 (h) A nonresident of the State of Nebraska working in the State of
25 Nebraska for less than ninety days in a calendar year as an employee
26 employed by a nonresident employer;
27 (4)(a) Employer means any individual, partnership, limited liability
1 company, association, corporation, business trust, legal representative,

2 or organized group of persons who employs eleven or more employees.

3 (b) Employer does not include (i) the United States or the State of
4 Nebraska or its agencies, departments, or political subdivisions, (ii)
5 any corporation that operates a private, denominational, or parochial
6 elementary or secondary school which fulfills the applicable
7 accreditation or approval requirements established by the State Board of
8 Education pursuant to section 79-318, or (iii) any private postsecondary
9 institution;

10 (5) Family member means:

11 (a) Any of the following, regardless of age: A biological, adopted,
12 or foster child, a stepchild, a legal ward, or a child to whom the
13 employee stands in loco parentis;

14 (b) A biological, foster, step, or adoptive parent or a legal
15 guardian of an employee or an employee's spouse;

16 (c) A person who stood in loco parentis to the employee or the
17 employee's spouse when the employee or employee's spouse was a minor
18 child;

19 (d) A person to whom the employee is legally married under the laws
20 of any state;

21 (e) A grandparent, grandchild, or sibling, whether of a biological,
22 foster, adoptive, or step relationship, of the employee or the employee's
23 spouse; or

24 (f) Any other individual related by blood to the employee or whose
25 close association with the employee is the equivalent of a family
26 relationship;

27 (6) Health care professional means any person licensed under any
28 federal or state law to provide medical or emergency services;

29 (7) Paid sick time means time that is compensated at the same hourly
30 rate and with the same benefits, including health care benefits, as the
31 employee typically earns during hours worked and that is provided by an
1 employer to an employee for the purposes described in section 48-3804,
2 and in no case shall the amount of this hourly rate be less than that
3 provided under section 48-1203. Notwithstanding the foregoing, for
4 employees paid on a commission, piece-rate, mileage, or fee-for-service
5 basis, paid sick time means time that is compensated at an hourly rate
6 determined by the employer using the average weekly rate calculation
7 under section 48-126, which shall then be reduced to an hourly rate based
8 on a forty-hour workweek, and that is provided by an employer to an
9 employee for the purposes described in section 48-3804. Paid sick time
10 includes time made available to employees for purposes including, but not
11 limited to, the purposes described in section 48-3804 under a paid leave
12 policy described in subsection (7) of section 48-3803;

13 (8) Public health emergency means a declaration or proclamation
14 related to a public health threat, risk, disaster, or emergency that is
15 made or issued by a federal, state, or local official with the authority
16 to make or issue such a declaration or proclamation;

17 (9) Retaliatory personnel action means a denial of any right
18 guaranteed under the Nebraska Healthy Families and Workplaces Act and any
19 threat, discharge, suspension, demotion, reduction of hours or pay, or
20 other adverse action against an employee for exercising or attempting to
21 exercise any right guaranteed in the Nebraska Healthy Families and
22 Workplaces Act;

23 (10)(a) Small business means an employer with at least eleven but
24 fewer than twenty employees during a given week, including full-time,
25 part-time, or temporary employees.

26 (b) Small business does not include an employer that maintained
27 twenty or more employees on its payroll in each of twenty or more
28 calendar weeks in the current or preceding calendar year; and

29 (11) Year means a regular and consecutive twelve-month period as
30 determined by the employer.

31 Sec. 2. Section 48-3803, Revised Statutes Supplement, 2025, is
1 amended to read:

2 48-3803 (1) All employees shall begin accruing paid sick time after
3 eighty hours of consecutive employment, at which point employees shall
4 then accrue a minimum of one hour of paid sick time for every thirty
5 hours worked. Unless the employer selects a higher limit, this section
6 does not entitle an employee to earn or use more than:

7 (a) Forty hours of paid sick time in a year for an employee of a
8 small business; or

9 (b) Fifty-six hours of paid sick time in a year for an employee of
10 an employer that is not a small business.

11 (2) Employees who are exempt from overtime requirements under 29
12 U.S.C. 213(a)(1) or 29 U.S.C. 213(b)(1) of the federal Fair Labor
13 Standards Act, 29 U.S.C. 201 et seq., shall be assumed to work forty
14 hours in each workweek for purposes of paid sick time accrual unless
15 their typical workweek is less than forty hours, in which case paid sick
16 time accrues based upon that typical workweek.

17 (3) Paid sick time requirements provided under the Nebraska Healthy
18 Families and Workplaces Act shall begin October 1, 2025. An employee
19 shall be entitled to use paid sick time as it is accrued. An employer may
20 provide all paid sick time that an employee is expected to accrue in a
21 year at the beginning of the year.

22 (4) Paid sick time provided to an employee on or after January 1,
23 2025, and before October 1, 2025, shall be counted toward an employer's
24 obligations under the Nebraska Healthy Families and Workplaces Act for
25 calendar year 2025.

26 (5) Accrued paid sick time shall be carried over to the following
27 year, ~~except that (a) a~~—A small business is not required to permit an
28 employee to carryover or use more than forty hours of paid sick time per
29 year, and (b) other employers are not required to permit an employee to
30 carryover or use more than fifty-six hours of paid sick time per year.

31 (6) In lieu of carryover of unused paid sick time provided pursuant
1 to this section from one year to the next, an employer may pay an
2 employee for unused paid sick time provided pursuant to this section at
3 the end of a year and provide the employee with an amount of paid sick
4 time that meets or exceeds the requirements of subsections (1) and (3) of
5 this section that is available for the employee's immediate use at the
6 beginning of the subsequent year.

7 (7) Any employer with a paid leave policy, such as a paid time off
8 policy, who makes available an amount of paid leave that equals or
9 exceeds the requirements of the Nebraska Healthy Families and Workplaces
10 Act and that may be used as paid sick time in accordance with section
11 48-3804 is not required to provide additional paid sick time under the
12 act and is not obligated to allow an employee to accrue or carryover
13 benefits beyond the employer's existing paid leave policy.

14 (8) At its discretion, an employer may loan paid sick time to an
15 employee in advance of accrual by such employee.

16 (9) If an employee is transferred to a separate division, entity, or
17 location, but remains employed by the same employer, the employee is
18 entitled to all paid sick time accrued at the prior division, entity, or
19 location and is entitled to use all paid sick time as provided in the
20 Nebraska Healthy Families and Workplaces Act. When there is a separation
21 from employment and the employee is rehired within twelve months of
22 separation by the same employer, previously accrued paid sick time that
23 had not been used or paid out to the employee shall be reinstated. The
24 employee shall be entitled to use accrued paid sick time and accrue
25 additional paid sick time at the recommencement of employment.

26 (10) Nothing in this section shall be construed to require employers
27 to pay an employee for unused paid sick time upon the employee's
28 separation from employment.

29 Sec. 3. Section 48-3808, Revised Statutes Supplement, 2025, is
30 amended to read:

31 48-3808 (1) The Commissioner of Labor shall issue a citation to an
1 employer when an investigation reveals that the employer may have
2 violated the Nebraska Healthy Families and Workplaces Act.

3 (2) When a citation is issued, the commissioner shall notify the
4 employer of the proposed administrative penalty, if any, by certified
5 mail, by any other manner of delivery by which the United States Postal
6 Service can verify delivery, or by any method of service recognized under
7 Chapter 25, article 5. The administrative penalty shall not be more than
8 five hundred dollars in the case of a first violation and not more than
9 five thousand dollars in the case of a second or subsequent violation.

10 (3) The employer has fifteen working days after the date of the
11 citation or penalty to contest such citation or penalty. Notice of
12 contest shall be sent to the commissioner who shall provide a hearing in
13 accordance with the Administrative Procedure Act.

14 (4) Any employer who has an unpaid citation for a violation of the
15 Nebraska Healthy Families and Workplaces Act shall be barred from
16 contracting with the state or any political subdivision until such
17 citation is paid. If a citation has been contested as described in
18 subsection (3) of this section, it shall not be considered an unpaid
19 citation under this subsection until after such contest has been
20 resolved.

21 (5) Citations issued under this section and the names of employers
22 who have been issued a citation shall be made available to the public
23 upon request, except that this subsection shall not apply to any
24 citations that are being contested as described in subsection (3) of this
25 section.

26 (6) An employee having a claim for failure to allow an employee to
27 use paid sick time as set forth in section 48-3803 or for a violation of
28 section 48-3804 or 48-3805 may institute suit for legal and equitable
29 relief in the proper court. In any action brought to enforce section
30 48-3803, 48-3804, or 48-3805, the court shall have jurisdiction to grant
31 such legal or equitable relief as the court deems appropriate to
1 effectuate the purposes of the Nebraska Healthy Families and Workplaces
2 Act. If an employee establishes a claim and secures judgment on the
3 claim, such employee shall also be entitled to recover the full amount of
4 the judgment and all costs of such suit, including reasonable attorney's
5 fees.

6 (7) If an employee institutes suit against an employer under
7 subsection (6) of this section, any citation that is issued against an
8 employer under subsection (1) of this section and that relates directly
9 to the facts in dispute shall be admitted into evidence unless
10 specifically excluded by the court. If a citation has been contested as
11 described in subsection (3) of this section, it shall not be admitted
12 into evidence under this subsection until such contest has been resolved.

13 (8) A civil action brought under this section shall be commenced no
14 later than one calendar year after the cause of action accrues.

15 Sec. 4. Original sections 48-3802, 48-3803, and 48-3808, Revised
16 Statutes Supplement, 2025, are repealed.

(Signed) Kathleen Kauth, Chairperson

BILL ON FIRST READING

The following bill was read for the first time by title:

LEGISLATIVE BILL 1235A. Introduced by Holdcroft, 36.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to appropriations; to appropriate funds to aid in carrying out the provisions of Legislative Bill 1235, One Hundred Ninth Legislature, Second Session, 2026; and to declare an emergency.

RESOLUTION(S)

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 370. Introduced by DeBoer, 10.

WHEREAS, Brayden Jensen, Hagan Jones, and Jared Pacha, members of Troop 308 in Omaha, Nebraska, have completed the requirements for the rank of Eagle Scout in Scouting America; and

WHEREAS, to earn the rank of Eagle Scout, the highest rank in scouting, a scout must fulfill requirements in the areas of leadership, service, and outdoor skills; and

WHEREAS, throughout their scouting experience, Brayden, Hagan, and Jared have learned, been tested on, and been recognized for various scouting skills; and

WHEREAS, to achieve the rank of Eagle Scout, a scout is required to earn twenty-one merit badges, fourteen of which must be in required areas, serve in a scout leadership position, and complete a community service project; and

WHEREAS, for his Eagle Scout community service project, Brayden designed and built large shelves for Nebraska Animal Loving Advocates to better store and organize large bags of product; and

WHEREAS, for his Eagle Scout community service project, Hagan designed and built new and replacement bookshelves for the Children's Center at the Open Door Mission; and

WHEREAS, for his Eagle Scout community service project, Jared designed, built, and installed bat boxes for the Raptor Conservation Alliance; and

WHEREAS, only a small percentage of the scouts who join Scouting America achieve the rank of Eagle Scout; and

WHEREAS, through their dedication to excellence Brayden, Hagan, and Jared have joined other high achievers who are Eagle Scouts, including astronauts, political and industry leaders, artists, scientists, and athletes.

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

1. That the Legislature congratulates Brayden Jensen, Hagan Jones, and Jared Pacha from Troop 308 on achieving the rank of Eagle Scout.
2. That copies of this resolution be sent to Brayden Jensen, Hagan Jones, and Jared Pacha.

Laid over.

AMENDMENT(S) - Print in Journal

Senator Hughes filed the following amendment to [LB901](#):
[AM2650](#) is available in the Bill Room.

Senator Clouse filed the following amendment to [LB867](#):

[AM2685](#)

(Amendments to Standing Committee amendments, AM2270)

- 1 1. Strike original section 29.
- 2 2. Renumber the remaining sections and correct the repealer
- 3 accordingly.

GENERAL FILE

LEGISLATIVE BILL 1210. Senator Clements renewed [AM2661](#), found and considered in this day's Journal.

Senator Conrad renewed [AM2690](#), found and considered in this day's Journal, to the Clements amendment.

The Conrad amendment lost with 6 ayes, 27 nays, 13 present and not voting, and 3 excused and not voting.

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

The Clements amendment lost with 21 ayes, 18 nays, 7 present and not voting, and 3 excused and not voting.

The Chair declared the call raised.

Advanced to Enrollment and Review Initial with 34 ayes, 4 nays, 8 present and not voting, and 3 excused and not voting.

SELECT FILE

LEGISLATIVE BILL 835. Senator Kauth withdrew [FA475](#), found on page 221.

Advanced to Enrollment and Review for Engrossment.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 1181. [ER139](#), found on page 1030, was offered.

ER139 was adopted.

Senator Kauth withdrew [FA841](#), found on page 450.

Advanced to Enrollment and Review for Engrossment.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 727. Senator Kauth withdrew [FA356](#), found on page 188.

Advanced to Enrollment and Review for Engrossment.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 1240. Senator Kauth withdrew [FA900](#), found on page 454.

Advanced to Enrollment and Review for Engrossment.

REFERENCE COMMITTEE REPORT

The Legislative Council Executive Board submits the following report:

Dargy, Thomas - Public Employees Retirement Board - Nebraska Retirement Systems

Lee, Dennis P - State Racing and Gaming Commission - General Affairs

(Signed) Ben Hansen, Chairperson
Executive Board

AMENDMENT(S) - Print in Journal

Senator Hughes filed the following amendment to [LB1089](#):

[FA1054](#)

To AM2610, on page 1, strike lines 24-26

GENERAL FILE

LEGISLATIVE BILL 1055. Title read. Considered.

Senator DeBoer offered the following amendment:

[AM2706](#)

1 1. On page 2, lines 16 and 17, strike beginning with "and" through
2 "employment".

The DeBoer amendment was adopted with 32 ayes, 0 nays, 13 present and not voting, and 4 excused and not voting.

Advanced to Enrollment and Review Initial with 33 ayes, 0 nays, 12 present and not voting, and 4 excused and not voting.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 788. Title read. Considered.

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

LEGISLATIVE BILL 913. Title read. Considered.

Committee [AM2383](#), found on page 958, was offered.

The committee amendment was adopted with 33 ayes, 0 nays, 12 present and not voting, and 4 excused and not voting.

Advanced to Enrollment and Review Initial with 39 ayes, 0 nays, 6 present and not voting, and 4 excused and not voting.

COMMITTEE REPORT(S)

Government, Military and Veterans Affairs

LEGISLATIVE BILL 1018. Placed on General File.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 1108. Placed on General File.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 1256. Placed on General File.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 830. Placed on General File with amendment.

[AM2362](#)

1 1. Strike the original sections and insert the following new

2 sections:

3 Section 1. Section 71-1131, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is

4 amended to read:

5 71-1131 If the subject cannot afford to pay, the county shall pay

6 court costs, costs of emergency custody, and related expenses for a

7 petition filed pursuant to the Developmental Disabilities Court-Ordered

8 Custody Act, including the costs of legal counsel appointed to represent

9 the subject and any expert hired to evaluate and testify on behalf of the

10 subject. In counties having a public defender, the court may appoint the

11 public defender as legal counsel for the subject. The county shall be

12 responsible for the cost of transporting the subject to and from court

13 hearings under the act and to any emergency custody or other custody

14 ordered under the act. The department shall pay the costs of the

15 department's evaluations of the subject, the costs of the plans completed

16 by the department and the independent mental health professional, and the

17 costs of the court-ordered custody and treatment of the subject following

18 an order of disposition, except as provided by sections 83-363 to

19 ~~83-37983-380.~~

20 Sec. 2. Section 81-183, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is

21 amended to read:

22 81-183 (1) Any federal facility which is under the control of the

23 Military Department and for which state financial support is required

24 shall be eligible for funds for renewal and maintenance under the

25 Deferred Building Renewal Act to be paid from the Building Renewal

26 Allocation Fund.

27 (2) No building held in trust, property of the Board of Educational

1 Lands and Funds, nor highways or roads and revenue bond structures shall

2 receive funds for renewal and maintenance under the Deferred Building

3 Renewal Act ~~sections 81-173 to 81-190.~~

4 Sec. 3. Section 81-186, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is

5 amended to read:

6 81-186 The Committee on Building Maintenance shall meet as

7 necessary, but not less than four times annually, to monitor the

8 activities required of the task force, ~~and~~ the agencies, boards, and

9 commissions who are responsible for the state buildings, and federal

10 facilities under the control of the Military Department and to review the

11 proposed rental charges as provided in sections 81-1108.17 and

12 81-1108.22. The committee shall study progress and propose any necessary

13 legislation to assure that state-owned buildings and federal facilities

14 under the control of the Military Department are protected through proper

15 maintenance.

16 Sec. 4. Section 83-227.01, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is

17 amended to read:

18 83-227.01 The Department of Health and Human Services is authorized

19 to utilize space which is temporarily surplus to the needs of the Lincoln

20 Regional Center and the Norfolk Regional Center facilities under their
21 jurisdiction for patients committed to or lawfully confined in the
22 Beatrice State Developmental Center. Patients so transferred to the
23 Lincoln Regional Center or the Norfolk Regional Center shall be housed in
24 facilities separate and apart from facilities used to house patients
25 committed to such hospital, and after their transfer such patients shall
26 receive the same type of care, custody, and treatment as they would have
27 received had they remained at the Beatrice State Developmental Center,
28 and the charges for their care and maintenance shall be the same as
29 though they were housed at the Beatrice State Developmental Center, and
30 the charges shall be collected in the manner provided in this section and
31 sections 83-227.02, 83-350, and 83-363 to ~~83-37983-380~~.

1 Sec. 5. Section 83-227.02, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is
2 amended to read:

3 83-227.02 (1) The Department of Health and Human Services is
4 authorized to use space which is temporarily surplus to the needs of any
5 institution under its control, except as provided in subsection (2) of
6 this section, for the care, custody, and treatment of the inmates of any
7 other such institution when space at such latter institution is
8 inadequate and the facilities of the institution to which transfer is
9 made are suitable to the needs of the inmate. Inmates so transferred
10 shall receive the same care, custody, and treatment as they would have
11 received had they not been transferred. If the cost of the care, custody,
12 and treatment of such inmate is recoverable by the institution from which
13 the transfer was made, it shall be recovered in the manner provided in
14 sections 83-363 to ~~83-37983-380~~.

15 (2) Subsection (1) of this section shall not be construed to permit
16 the transfer of inmates to or from any Department of Correctional
17 Services facility unless expressly authorized by law.

18 Sec. 6. Section 83-363, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is
19 amended to read:

20 83-363 As used in sections 83-227.01, 83-227.02, 83-350, and 83-363
21 to ~~83-37983-380~~, unless the context otherwise requires:

22 (1) Department means the Department of Health and Human Services;

23 (2) State institution means the state hospitals at Lincoln and

24 Norfolk, the Beatrice State Developmental Center, and such other
25 institutions as may hereafter be established by the Legislature for the
26 care and treatment of persons with a mental disorder or persons with an
27 intellectual disability;

28 (3) Relative means the spouse of a patient or, if the patient has no
29 spouse and is under the age of majority at the time he or she is
30 admitted, the parents of a patient in a state institution; and

31 (4) Parents means either or both of a patient's natural parents
1 unless such patient has been legally adopted by other parents, in which
2 case parents means either or both of the adoptive parents.

3 Sec. 7. Section 83-364, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is
4 amended to read:

5 83-364 When any person is admitted to a state institution or other
6 inpatient treatment facility pursuant to an order of a mental health
7 board under the Nebraska Mental Health Commitment Act or the Sex Offender
8 Commitment Act or receives treatment prescribed by such institution or
9 facility following release or without being admitted as a resident
10 patient, the patient and the patient's relatives shall be liable for the
11 cost of the care, support, maintenance, and treatment of such person to
12 the extent and in the manner provided by sections 83-227.01, 83-227.02,
13 83-350, and 83-363 to ~~83-37983-380~~. Such sections also shall apply to
14 persons admitted to a state institution as transferees from any state
15 penal institution or youth rehabilitation and treatment center but only
16 after the expiration of the time for which the transferees were
17 originally sentenced or committed.

18 Sec. 8. Section 83-367, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is
19 amended to read:

20 83-367 The liability of each relative, except a spouse, shall cease
21 when relatives shall have completed payments assessed pursuant to
22 sections 83-227.01, 83-227.02, 83-350, and 83-363 to ~~83-37983-380~~ for one
23 hundred eighty months, or when the patient attains the age of majority,
24 whichever shall occur first.

25 Sec. 9. Section 83-370, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is
26 amended to read:

27 83-370 When any relative willfully fails to furnish to the
28 department, upon request, the information required by sections 83-227.01,
29 83-227.02, 83-350, and 83-363 to ~~83-37983-380~~ as to his or her taxable
30 income, such relative shall be deemed to have ability to pay the entire
31 cost determined under sections 83-227.01, 83-227.02, 83-350, and 83-363
1 to ~~83-37983-380~~.

2 Sec. 10. Section 83-371, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is
3 amended to read:

4 83-371 Pursuant to the provisions of the Administrative Procedure
5 Act, the department shall adopt and promulgate appropriate rules and
6 regulations for making the determinations required by sections 83-227.01,
7 83-227.02, 83-350, and 83-363 to ~~83-37983-380~~.

8 Sec. 11. Section 83-375, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is
9 amended to read:

10 83-375 When any patient or relative fails to pay the amounts
11 determined to be due under sections 83-227.01, 83-227.02, 83-350, and
12 83-363 to ~~83-37983-380~~, the ~~State~~ of Nebraska may proceed against
13 such person in the manner authorized by law for the recovery of money
14 owed to a creditor. The Attorney General shall represent the state in
15 such actions, but may authorize the county attorney for the county in
16 which such person resides or owns property to investigate and prosecute
17 the action on behalf of the state.

18 Sec. 12. Section 83-377, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is
19 amended to read:

20 83-377 In all cases in which a guardian has been named for any
21 person liable for payments under sections 83-227.01, 83-227.02, 83-350,
22 and 83-363 to ~~83-37983-380~~, the guardian shall represent such person in
23 all matters arising under sections 83-227.01, 83-227.02, 83-350, and
24 83-363 to ~~83-37983-380~~ and shall be liable in the same manner as he or
25 she would be on any other matters arising from the guardianship.

26 Sec. 13. Section 83-378, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is
27 amended to read:

28 83-378 No person shall be liable for the cost of the care, support,
29 maintenance, and treatment of any patient except as provided in sections
30 83-363 to ~~83-37983-380~~, but the amounts determined to be due and unpaid
31 at the time of the death of a patient or relative shall constitute a
1 claim against the estate of such patient or relative. The department may
2 accept voluntary payments on behalf of any patient from any person who is
3 not liable for payments.

4 Sec. 14. Section 83-379, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is
5 amended to read:

6 83-379 In the absence of fraud, a patient and ~~the patient's~~
7 relatives shall be liable only to the extent of assessments actually made
8 against them respectively, in accordance with sections 83-227.01,
9 83-227.02, 83-350, and 83-363 to ~~83-37983-380~~. For the purposes of
10 sections 83-227.01, 83-227.02, 83-350, and 83-363 to ~~83-37983-380~~, it
11 shall be deemed fraudulent for any patient or ~~the patient's~~ relatives
12 to transfer any assets or property to another person for the purpose of
13 affecting the determination of ability to pay. When it is determined that
14 such a fraudulent transfer has been made, the department shall consider
15 the value of such assets or property transferred in determining the

16 ability to pay under section 83-368 or 83-369.

17 Sec. 15. Section 83-380.01, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is
18 amended to read:

19 83-380.01 Upon the discharge from a treatment facility, an indigent
20 person who has received mental-health-board-ordered treatment may file an
21 affidavit with the Department of Health and Human Services or the mental
22 health board requesting that prescription medicine which the regional
23 center treating psychiatrist or the patient's treating physician has
24 prescribed as necessary for the patient's mental health treatment be
25 provided to him or her. Such affidavit shall include the following: (1)
26 That the patient qualifies as an indigent person who is unable to pay
27 under the same standards of ability to pay as set forth in sections
28 83-363 to ~~83-37983-380~~; and (2) that such prescription medicine has been
29 prescribed by the regional center's treatment psychiatrist or the
30 patient's treating physician as necessary for the patient's mental health
31 treatment. The mental health board shall refer such requests it receives
1 to the Department of Health and Human Services and the department shall
2 provide such prescription medicine as may be necessary for such former
3 patient's mental health treatment so long as he or she remains an
4 outpatient and his or her treating physician continues to prescribe and
5 certify that such prescription medicine is necessary for the patient's
6 mental health treatment and he or she continues to be an indigent person
7 as determined under the same standards of ability to pay as set forth in
8 sections 83-363 to ~~83-37983-380~~. The Department of Health and Human
9 Services may adopt and promulgate rules and regulations to carry out the
10 provisions of this section in accordance with the Administrative
11 Procedure Act, including, but not limited to, hearings necessary to
12 determine whether such person is qualified to receive such medications
13 and whether such medication is necessary for the patient's mental health
14 treatment.

15 Sec. 16. Original sections 71-1131, 81-183, 81-186, 83-227.01,

16 83-227.02, 83-363, 83-364, 83-367, 83-370, 83-371, 83-375, 83-377,

17 83-378, 83-379, and 83-380.01, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, are

18 repealed.

19 Sec. 17. The following section is outright repealed: Section

20 83-380, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 1019. Placed on General File with amendment.

[AM2437](#)

1 1. Strike the original sections and inset the following new

2 sections:

3 Section 1. Section 77-1311.03, Revised Statutes Cumulative

4 Supplement, 2024, is amended to read:

5 77-1311.03 (1) On or before March 19 of each year, each county
6 assessor shall conduct a systematic inspection and review by class or
7 subclass of a portion of the taxable real property parcels in the county
8 for the purpose of achieving uniform and proportionate valuations and
9 assuring that the real property record data accurately reflects the
10 property, except beginning January 1, 2014, in any county with a
11 population of at least one hundred fifty thousand inhabitants according
12 to the most recent federal decennial census, the inspection and review
13 shall be conducted on or before March 25. The county assessor shall
14 adjust the value of all other taxable real property parcels by class or
15 subclass in the county so that the value of all real property is uniform
16 and proportionate. The county assessor shall determine the portion to be
17 inspected and reviewed each year to assure that all parcels of real
18 property in the county have been inspected and reviewed no less
19 frequently than every six years. Inspection of real property shall be
20 completed in the manner as directed by the county assessor.
21 (2) The county assessor shall not be liable to prosecution for

22 trespass for any inspection of real property conducted pursuant to this
 23 section if the county assessor:
 24 (a) Provides advance written notice of the inspection to the owner
 25 of the property; or
 26 (b) Publishes notice of the inspection in a legal newspaper of
 27 general circulation in the county.
 1 (3) The county assessor shall not enter an enclosed building for the
 2 purpose of conducting an inspection pursuant to this section without the
 3 express permission of the property owner or occupant.
 4 Sec. 2. Original section 77-1311.03, Revised Statutes Cumulative
 5 Supplement, 2024, is repealed.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 1075. Placed on General File with amendment.
[AM2496](#) is available in the Bill Room.

(Signed) Rita Sanders, Chairperson

AMENDMENT(S) - Print in Journal

Senator Conrad filed the following amendment to [LB838](#):
[AM2637](#)

(Amendments to E and R amendments, ER141)

- 1 1. Strike section 5.
- 2 2. Renumber the remaining sections and correct internal references
- 3 accordingly.

GENERAL FILE

LEGISLATIVE BILL 784. Title read. Considered.

Committee [AM2236](#), found on page 818, was offered.

The committee amendment was adopted with 34 ayes, 0 nays, 11 present and not voting, and 4 excused and not voting.

Advanced to Enrollment and Review Initial with 34 ayes, 0 nays, 11 present and not voting, and 4 excused and not voting.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 977. Title read. Considered.

Advanced to Enrollment and Review Initial with 38 ayes, 0 nays, 7 present and not voting, and 4 excused and not voting.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 1087. Title read. Considered.

Committee [AM2000](#), found on page 686, was offered.

The committee amendment was adopted with 40 ayes, 0 nays, 4 present and not voting, and 5 excused and not voting.

Advanced to Enrollment and Review Initial with 41 ayes, 0 nays, 3 present and not voting, and 5 excused and not voting.

COMMITTEE REPORT(S)
Enrollment and Review

LEGISLATIVE BILL 985. Placed on Final Reading.
LEGISLATIVE BILL 1101. Placed on Final Reading.
LEGISLATIVE BILL 1155. Placed on Final Reading.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 1205. Placed on Final Reading with the attached statement.

[ST66](#)

The following changes, required to be reported for publication in the Journal, have been made:

1. In the Clouse amendment, AM2630, the following section has been inserted: Se
- c. 2. Original section 81-12,162, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is repealed.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 1235. Placed on Final Reading.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 1072. Placed on Select File with amendment.

[ER146](#)

1 1. On page 1, strike lines 2 through 23 and insert "2-2701,
2 2-2703.01, 2-2705, 2-2706, 13-2041, 29-2262.07, 37-327.01, 47-632,
3 48-3004, 48-3008, 54-857, 66-733, 66-734, 66-735, 68-1604, 71-17,112,
4 71-3004, 71-3006, 71-3525, 71-3526, 79-303, 79-1035.01, 79-2607, 80-401,
5 81-2,174, 81-2,237, 81-1201.22, 81-1202, 81-1204, 81-1209, 81-1210.02,
6 81-1213.03, 81-1230, 81-12,134, 81-12,146, 81-12,147, 81-12,218,
7 81-1429.03, 81-1463, 81-1505.05, 81-15,303, 81-1607.01, 81-1835, 81-2504,
8 82-108.03, 82-316, 82-331, 83-915.01, 84-321, 84-512, 85-1539, 85-1920,
9 and 85-3112, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, sections 9-812,
10 19-5707, 38-157, 43-2404.01, 43-2404.02, 44-116, 48-101.01, 48-145,
11 48-621, 53-117.06, 58-703, 71-2490, 71-5318, 71-7104, 74-1317, and
12 77-4212, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024, sections 9-1107,
13 37-811, 37-1804, 48-1,116, 60-6,211.05, 61-222, 61-305, 66-1519, 71-7611,
14 72-1001, 77-1420, 77-27,144, 77-4025, 77-5601, 77-7305, 81-132, 81-1203,
15 81-1239, 81-12,110, 81-15,120, 81-15,174, 81-15,180, 84-612, 85-1412, and
16 85-1654, Revised Statutes Supplement, 2025, and Laws 2025, LB264,
17 sections 8, 12, 64, 69, 70, and 81; to provide requirements for
18 implementation of the Rural Health Transformation Program; to provide,
19 change, and eliminate provisions relating to funds and fund transfers; to
20 provide for and change transfers from the Cash Reserve Fund; to create
21 funds; to provide for transfer of investment earnings from certain funds;
22 to provide for a grant from the Site and Building Development Fund; to
23 require state agencies to provide a technology inventory as prescribed;
24 to change the distribution of the permanent school fund, municipal sales
25 and use taxes, proceeds under the Tobacco Products Tax Act, disbursements
26 under the Property Tax Credit Act and the School District Property Tax
27 Credit Act, fees under the Municipal Inland Port Authority Act, and
1 grants under the Nebraska Operational Assistance Act; to change the
2 disposition of workers' compensation self-insurer payments; to provide
3 for an additional use of the Davis Scholarship Trust Fund, the
4 Administrative Cash Fund, the Commercial Feed Administration Cash Fund,
5 and the Victim's Compensation Fund; to change provisions relating to the
6 Commission Grant Program, the Community-based Juvenile Services Aid
7 Program, the Law Enforcement Attraction and Retention Act, the Nebraska
8 Mental Health First Aid Training Act, the Teleworker Job Creation Act,
9 and motor fuel taxes; to restate intent regarding appropriations for
10 reading instruction and animal damage control; to eliminate provisions
11 relating to tractor testing fees, job training grants, the Bioscience

12 Innovation Program, the Critical Incident Stress Management Program, and
 13 the Department of Revenue Enforcement Fund; to provide for termination of
 14 the Superfund Cost Share Cash Fund; to eliminate the Bioscience
 15 Innovation Cash Fund, the Capitol Commission Revolving Fund, the
 16 Community College Aid Fund, the Nebraska Community College Student
 17 Performance and Occupational Education Grant Fund, the Customized Job
 18 Training Cash Fund, the Economic Development Cash Fund, the Innovation
 19 Hub Cash Fund, the Job Training Cash Fund, the Lead-Based Paint Hazard
 20 Control Cash Fund, the Nuclear and Hydrogen Development Act, the Nuclear
 21 and Hydrogen Development Fund, the Nebraska Soil and Plant Analysis
 22 Laboratory Act, the Soil and Plant Analysis Laboratory Cash Fund, the
 23 Nebraska Training and Support Cash Fund, the Sector Partnership Program
 24 Fund, the Small Watersheds Flood Control Fund, the State Treasurer's Land
 25 Sales Distributive Fund, the Tractor Permit Cash Fund, the Violence
 26 Prevention Cash Fund, and the Youth Outdoor Education Innovation Fund; to
 27 eliminate obsolete provisions; to harmonize provisions; to provide
 28 operative dates; to provide severability; to repeal the original
 29 sections; to outright repeal sections 2-1502, 2-1503.01, 2-1503.02,
 30 2-1503.03, 2-2705.01, 2-3101, 2-3102, 2-3103, 2-3104, 2-3105, 2-3106,
 31 2-3107, 2-3108, 2-3109, 2-3110, 71-17,113, 71-17,116, 71-3007,
 1 72-2205.01, 72-2211.01, 81-12,114, 81-12,155.01, 81-12,163.01, 81-1451,
 2 81-2509, 81-2510, 81-2511, 81-2513, 81-2514, 81-2515, 85-1540, 85-2235,
 3 and 90-248, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, sections 66-2302,
 4 66-2303, 66-2304, 66-2305, 66-2306, and 66-2307, Revised Statutes
 5 Cumulative Supplement, 2024, and sections 48-622.02, 48-3405, 66-2308,
 6 81-1201.21, 81-1211, 81-1213.02, 81-1213.05, and 81-1216, Revised
 7 Statutes Supplement, 2025; and to declare an emergency."
 8 2. On page 2, strike lines 1 through 31.
 9 3. On page 3, strike lines 1 through 31.
 10 4. On page 4, strike line 1.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 759A. Placed on Select File.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 1237A. Placed on Select File.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 1133. Placed on Select File with amendment.
[ER142](#) is available in the Bill Room.

(Signed) Dunixi Guereca, Chairperson

AMENDMENT(S) - Print in Journal

Senator Conrad filed the following amendment to [LB838](#):
[AM2672](#)

(Amendments to E&R amendments, ER141)

1 1. Insert the following new section:
 2 Sec. 39. If any section in this act or any part of any section is
 3 declared invalid or unconstitutional, the declaration shall not affect
 4 the validity or constitutionality of the remaining portions.
 5 2. Renumber the remaining sections and correct internal references
 6 accordingly.

Senator Clements filed the following amendment to [LB1210](#):
[FA1055](#)
 Strike Section 1.

Senator Clouse filed the following amendment to [LB901](#):

[FA1056](#)

On page 58, strike lines 5 and 6.

SPEAKER ARCH PRESIDING**GENERAL FILE**

LEGISLATIVE BILL 1126. Title read. Considered.

Committee [AM2432](#), found on page 983, was offered.

Senator G. Meyer offered [AM2562](#), found on page 1006, to the committee amendment.

PRESIDENT KELLY PRESIDING

The G. Meyer amendment was adopted with 36 ayes, 0 nays, 8 present and not voting, and 5 excused and not voting.

Senator DeBoer offered the following amendment to the committee amendment:

[AM2627](#)

(Amendments to Standing Committee amendments, AM2432)

1 1. On page 66, line 24, after "to" insert an underscored colon and
2 strike the second occurrence of "a", show as stricken, and insert
3 paragraphing and "(a) A"; strike beginning with the underscored colon in
4 line 25 through "Household" in line 26, strike the paragraphing, and show
5 the old matter as stricken; in line 26 reinstate the stricken
6 "household"; in line 27 strike the new matter and reinstate the stricken
7 matter and after "(b)" insert "A motor carrier engaged in the for-hire,
8 intrastate transportation of"; and in line 29 strike "Individuals" and
9 insert "A motor carrier, or person, engaged in the for-hire intrastate
10 transportation of individuals".

The DeBoer amendment was adopted with 35 ayes, 0 nays, 8 present and not voting, and 6 excused and not voting.

The committee amendment, as amended, was adopted with 35 ayes, 0 nays, 8 present and not voting, and 6 excused and not voting.

Advanced to Enrollment and Review Initial with 36 ayes, 0 nays, 7 present and not voting, and 6 excused and not voting.

COMMITTEE REPORT(S)
Banking, Commerce and Insurance

LEGISLATIVE BILL 1251. Placed on General File.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 1174. Placed on General File with amendment.

[AM2553](#)

1 1. Strike the original sections and insert the following new
2 sections:

3 Section 1. Section 8-2701, Revised Statutes Supplement, 2025, is
4 amended to read:
5 8-2701 Sections 8-2701 to 8-2742 and sections 2 and 3 of this act
6 shall be known and may be cited as the Nebraska Money Transmitters Act.
7 Sec. 2. The Department of Banking and Finance shall, as requested,
8 provide to the Department of Revenue the data of money transmitters as
9 necessary to meet the responsibilities of the Department of Revenue under
10 the Nebraska Money Transmitters Act, to the extent the Department of
11 Banking and Finance collects such information. The Department of Revenue
12 may, as requested by the director, share information with the Department
13 of Banking and Finance as necessary to enforce the Nebraska Money
14 Transmitters Act.

15 Sec. 3. (1) For purposes of this section:
16 (a) Active duty member of the armed forces means a person who is a
17 member of the armed forces of the United States on active duty as defined
18 in 10 U.S.C. 101(d)(1), as such section existed on January 1, 2026, or a
19 member of the Nebraska National Guard in active service of the state;
20 (b) Credit card has the same meaning as in 15 U.S.C. 1693o-2, as
21 such section existed on January 1, 2026;
22 (c) Debit card has the same meaning as in 15 U.S.C. 1693o-2, as such
23 section existed on January 1, 2026, except that debit card shall not
24 include a general-use prepaid card as defined in 15 U.S.C. 1693l-1, as
25 such section existed on January 1, 2026;
26 (d) Dependent means a spouse or any other person for whom an active
27 duty member of the armed forces provided more than one-half of that
1 person's support during the previous calendar year;
2 (e) Designated recipient has the same meaning as in section 919 of
3 the Electronic Fund Transfer Act, 15 U.S.C. 1693o-1, as such section
4 existed on January 1, 2026;
5 (f) Foreign adversary country means any country listed in 15 C.F.R.
6 791.4, as such regulation existed on January 1, 2026;
7 (g) Remittance transfer has the same meaning as in section 919 of
8 the Electronic Fund Transfer Act, 15 U.S.C. 1693o-1, as such section
9 existed on January 1, 2026, except that it shall only apply where the
10 sender provides cash, a money order, a cashier's check, or any other
11 similar physical instrument to the remittance transfer provider;
12 (h) Remittance transfer provider has the same meaning as in section
13 919 of the Electronic Fund Transfer Act, 15 U.S.C. 1693o-1, as such
14 section existed on January 1, 2026; and
15 (i) Sender has the same meaning as in section 919 of the Electronic
16 Fund Transfer Act, 15 U.S.C. 1693o-1, as such section existed on January
17 1, 2026.

18 (2) There is hereby imposed an excise tax of twenty-five percent on
19 any remittance transfer by a licensee or authorized delegate to a
20 resident of a foreign adversary country.

21 (3)(a) The tax imposed by this section shall not apply to a
22 remittance transfer:
23 (i) If the sender or designated recipient of such transfer is an
24 active duty member of the armed forces or a dependent of such member; or
25 (ii) For which the funds being transferred are:
26 (A) Withdrawn from an account held in or by a financial institution;
27 (I) Described in 31 U.S.C. 5312(a)(2)(A) through (H), as such
28 section existed on January 1, 2026; and
29 (II) That is subject to the requirements of 31 U.S.C. Chapter 53,
30 Subchapter II, as such subchapter existed on January 1, 2026; or
31 (B) Funded with a debit card or credit card issued in the United
1 States.

2 (b) To qualify for the exemption under subdivision (3)(a)(i) of this
3 section, the sender or designated recipient shall present a valid United
4 States Department of Defense Common Access Card or other valid military

5 identification to the remittance transfer provider at the time of the
6 transaction.

7 (4)(a) The sender of a remittance transfer shall pay the tax imposed
8 by this section on such transfer.

9 (b) If any tax imposed by this section is not paid at the time a
10 transfer is made, then to the extent that such tax is not paid, the
11 remittance transfer provider of such transfer shall pay the tax.

12 (c) The remittance transfer provider of a remittance transfer shall
13 collect the amount of the tax imposed by this section on such transfer
14 from the sender and remit such tax to the Department of Revenue
15 quarterly.

16 (5) Sections 77-2707 to 77-2711 shall apply to the tax imposed by
17 this section as if such tax were a sales or use tax imposed by the
18 Nebraska Revenue Act of 1967.

19 (6) The Department of Revenue may share any information related to
20 the tax imposed by this section with the Department of Banking and
21 Finance.

22 (7)(a) No refund of the tax imposed by this section shall be allowed
23 unless a claim for such refund is filed within the required period for a
24 refund of sales taxes.

25 (b) The Department of Revenue shall establish an expedited refund
26 process for any active duty member of the armed forces or dependent who
27 was charged the tax in error.

28 (c) To be eligible for the expedited refund process described in
29 subdivision (7)(b) of this section, an active duty member of the armed
30 forces or dependent who was charged in error shall submit proof of
31 military status to the Department of Revenue.

1 (8) The Department of Revenue may adopt and promulgate rules and
2 regulations to prescribe any and all forms and supporting documentation
3 necessary for the payment, collection, and reporting of the tax imposed
4 by this section and to establish the expedited refund process described
5 in subdivision (7)(b) of this section.

6 (9) The Department of Revenue may use electronic funds transfer to
7 collect the tax imposed by this section or to pay any refund of such tax.

8 (10) The use of any electronic filing of documents or electronic
9 funds transfer shall not alter the rights of any party from the rights of
10 such party if a different method of filing or payment was used.

11 (11) All taxes received by the Department of Revenue pursuant to
12 this section shall be remitted to the State Treasurer for credit to the
13 General Fund.

14 (12) Upon request from the Department of Revenue, the Department of
15 Banking and Finance may make a claim against the surety bond of a
16 licensee for payment of any tax imposed by this section on such licensee.

17 Sec. 4. This act becomes operative on July 1, 2026.

18 Sec. 5. Original section 8-2701, Revised Statutes Supplement, 2025,
19 is repealed.

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

(Signed) Mike Jacobson, Chairperson

VISITOR(S)

Visitors to the Chamber were Jen, Tonya, and Edie Valandra, Omaha; students and teachers from Maywood High School, Maywood; members of Public Health Association of Nebraska; members of Creighton Preparatory School Young Democrats; members of Leadership Bellevue; students from Pershing Elementary, Lexington.

RECESS

At 11:51 p.m., on a motion by Senator M. Cavanaugh 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 Senator Dungan who was excused; and Senators Dover, Hansen, Kauth, Sorrentino, and Strommen who were excused until they arrive.

CONFLICT OF INTEREST STATEMENT

Pursuant to Rule 1, Sec. 19, Senator Dorn has filed a Potential Conflict of Interest Statement under the Nebraska Political Accountability and Disclosure Act. The statement is on file in the Clerk of the Legislature's Office.

GENERAL FILE

LEGISLATIVE BILL 937. Senator Conrad offered [MO435](#), found on page 760, to indefinitely postpone pursuant to Rule 6, Sec. 3(f).

Senator Murman opened on LB937.

Senator Conrad asked unanimous consent to withdraw [MO435](#), found on page 760, to indefinitely postpone prior to the bill being read. No objections. So ordered.

Title read. Considered.

Committee [AM2454](#), found on page 1009, was offered.

Senator Conrad asked unanimous consent to withdraw the following motions:

[MO436](#), found on page 760, to bracket until April 17, 2026.

[MO437](#), found on page 760, to recommit to the Education Committee.

No objections. So ordered.

The committee amendment was adopted with 31 ayes, 0 nays, 13 present and not voting, and 5 excused and not voting.

Senator Murman withdrew [FA555](#), found on page 236.

Senator Murman withdrew [FA557](#), found on page 237.

Senator Conrad withdrew [FA1001](#), found on page 760.

Senator Conrad withdrew [FA1002](#), found on page 760.

President Kelly requested a roll call vote on the advancement of the bill.

Advanced to Enrollment and Review Initial with 34 ayes, 3 nays, 4 present and not voting, 4 absent and not voting, and 4 excused and not voting.

AMENDMENT(S) - Print in Journal

Senator Kauth filed the following amendment to [LB838](#):

[AM2658](#)

(Amendments to E and R amendments, ER141)

1 1. Insert the following new sections:

2 Sec. 9. The Department of Banking and Finance shall, as requested,
3 provide to the Department of Revenue the data of money transmitters as
4 necessary to meet the responsibilities of the Department of Revenue under
5 the Nebraska Money Transmitters Act, to the extent the Department of
6 Banking and Finance collects such information. The Department of Revenue
7 may, as requested by the director, share information with the Department
8 of Banking and Finance as necessary to enforce the Nebraska Money
9 Transmitters Act.

10 Sec. 10. (1) For purposes of this section:

11 (a) Active duty member of the armed forces means a person who is a
12 member of the armed forces of the United States on active duty as defined
13 in 10 U.S.C. 101(d)(1), as such section existed on January 1, 2026, or a
14 member of the Nebraska National Guard in active service of the state;

15 (b) Credit card has the same meaning as in 15 U.S.C. 1693o-2, as
16 such section existed on January 1, 2026;

17 (c) Debit card has the same meaning as in 15 U.S.C. 1693o-2, as such
18 section existed on January 1, 2026, except that debit card shall not
19 include a general-use prepaid card as defined in 15 U.S.C. 1693i-1, as
20 such section existed on January 1, 2026;

21 (d) Dependent means a spouse or any other person for whom an active
22 duty member of the armed forces provided more than one-half of that
23 person's support during the previous calendar year;

24 (e) Designated recipient has the same meaning as in section 919 of
25 the Electronic Fund Transfer Act, 15 U.S.C. 1693o-1, as such section
26 existed on January 1, 2026;

1 (f) Foreign adversary country means any country listed in 15 C.F.R.
2 791.4, as such regulation existed on January 1, 2026;

3 (g) Remittance transfer has the same meaning as in section 919 of
4 the Electronic Fund Transfer Act, 15 U.S.C. 1693o-1, as such section
5 existed on January 1, 2026, except that it shall only apply where the
6 sender provides cash, a money order, a cashier's check, or any other
7 similar physical instrument to the remittance transfer provider;

8 (h) Remittance transfer provider has the same meaning as in section
9 919 of the Electronic Fund Transfer Act, 15 U.S.C. 1693o-1, as such
10 section existed on January 1, 2026; and

11 (i) Sender has the same meaning as in section 919 of the Electronic
12 Fund Transfer Act, 15 U.S.C. 1693o-1, as such section existed on January

13 1, 2026.

14 (2) There is hereby imposed an excise tax of twenty-five percent on
15 any remittance transfer by a licensee or authorized delegate to a
16 resident of a foreign adversary country.

17 (3)(a) The tax imposed by this section shall not apply to a
18 remittance transfer:

19 (i) If the sender or designated recipient of such transfer is an
20 active duty member of the armed forces or a dependent of such member; or
21 (ii) For which the funds being transferred are:

22 (A) Withdrawn from an account held in or by a financial institution;

23 (I) Described in 31 U.S.C. 5312(a)(2)(A) through (H), as such
24 section existed on January 1, 2026; and

25 (II) That is subject to the requirements of 31 U.S.C. Chapter 53,
26 Subchapter II, as such subchapter existed on January 1, 2026; or

27 (B) Funded with a debit card or credit card issued in the United
28 States.

29 (b) To qualify for the exemption under subdivision (3)(a)(i) of this
30 section, the sender or designated recipient shall present a valid United
31 States Department of Defense Common Access Card or other valid military
1 identification to the remittance transfer provider at the time of the
2 transaction.

3 (4)(a) The sender of a remittance transfer shall pay the tax imposed
4 by this section on such transfer.

5 (b) If any tax imposed by this section is not paid at the time a
6 transfer is made, then to the extent that such tax is not paid, the
7 remittance transfer provider of such transfer shall pay the tax.

8 (c) The remittance transfer provider of a remittance transfer shall
9 collect the amount of the tax imposed by this section on such transfer
10 from the sender and remit such tax to the Department of Revenue
11 quarterly.

12 (5) Sections 77-2707 to 77-2711 shall apply to the tax imposed by
13 this section as if such tax were a sales or use tax imposed by the
14 Nebraska Revenue Act of 1967.

15 (6) The Department of Revenue may share any information related to
16 the tax imposed by this section with the Department of Banking and
17 Finance.

18 (7)(a) No refund of the tax imposed by this section shall be allowed
19 unless a claim for such refund is filed within the required period for a
20 refund of sales taxes.

21 (b) The Department of Revenue shall establish an expedited refund
22 process for any active duty member of the armed forces or dependent who
23 was charged the tax in error.

24 (c) To be eligible for the expedited refund process described in
25 subdivision (7)(b) of this section, an active duty member of the armed
26 forces or dependent who was charged in error shall submit proof of
27 military status to the Department of Revenue.

28 (8) The Department of Revenue may adopt and promulgate rules and
29 regulations to prescribe any and all forms and supporting documentation
30 necessary for the payment, collection, and reporting of the tax imposed
31 by this section and to establish the expedited refund process described
1 in subdivision (7)(b) of this section.

2 (9) The Department of Revenue may use electronic funds transfer to
3 collect the tax imposed by this section or to pay any refund of such tax.

4 (10) The use of any electronic filing of documents or electronic
5 funds transfer shall not alter the rights of any party from the rights of
6 such party if a different method of filing or payment was used.

7 (11) All taxes received by the Department of Revenue pursuant to
8 this section shall be remitted to the State Treasurer for credit to the
9 General Fund.

10 (12) Upon request from the Department of Revenue, the Department of

11 Banking and Finance may make a claim against the surety bond of a
12 licensee for payment of any tax imposed by this section on such licensee.
13 2. On page 1, line 5, strike "8" and insert "10".
14 3. Renumber the remaining sections and correct internal references
15 accordingly.
16 4. Correct the operative date section so that the sections added by
17 this amendment become operative on July 1, 2026.

GENERAL FILE

LEGISLATIVE BILL 1135. Title read. Considered.

Senator McKinney asked unanimous consent to withdraw the following motions:

[MO514](#), found on page 999, to indefinitely postpone pursuant to Rule 6, Sec. 3(f).

[MO515](#), found on page 999, to bracket until April 17, 2026.

[MO516](#), found on page 999, to recommit to the Urban Affairs Committee.

No objections. So ordered.

Committee [AM2460](#), found on page 1001, was offered.

Senator McKinney offered the following amendment to the committee amendment:

[AM2695](#)

(Amendments to Standing Committee amendments, AM2460)

1 1. On page 19, line 26, strike "and" and show as stricken; and after
2 line 28 insert the following new subdivision:
3 "(vii) At least one member who resides in a qualified census tract
4 located within the municipality that created the land bank. If there is
5 more than one qualified census tract within such municipality, the member
6 shall reside within whichever qualified census tract contains the most
7 land bank property. If there is no qualified census tract within such
8 municipality, then this subdivision shall not apply. For purposes of this
9 subdivision, qualified census tract has the same meaning as in 26 U.S.C.
10 42(d)(5)(B)(ii)(I), as such section existed on January 1, 2026; and".

President Kelly requested a roll call vote on the McKinney amendment.

The McKinney amendment was adopted with 42 ayes, 0 nays, 3 absent and not voting, and 4 excused and not voting.

President Kelly requested a roll call vote on the committee amendment.

The committee amendment, as amended, was adopted with 42 ayes, 1 nay, 3 absent and not voting, and 3 excused and not voting.

President Kelly requested a roll call vote on the advancement of the bill.

Advanced to Enrollment and Review Initial with 43 ayes, 1 nay, 2 absent and not voting, and 3 excused and not voting.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 889. Title read. Considered.

Committee [AM2168](#), found on page 801, was offered.

Senator Clouse offered [AM2550](#), found on page 1009, to the committee amendment.

President Kelly requested a roll call vote on the Clouse amendment.

The Clouse amendment was adopted with 29 ayes, 7 nays, 4 present and not voting, 6 absent and not voting, and 3 excused and not voting.

President Kelly requested a roll call vote on the committee amendment.

The committee amendment, as amended, was adopted with 27 ayes, 7 nays, 4 present and not voting, 8 absent and not voting, and 3 excused and not voting.

President Kelly requested a machine vote on the advancement of the bill.

Advanced to Enrollment and Review Initial with 27 ayes, 7 nays, 12 present and not voting, and 3 excused and not voting.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 878. Title read. Considered.

Senator Guereca offered [FA462](#), found on page 207.

SPEAKER ARCH PRESIDING

PRESIDENT KELLY PRESIDING

The Guereca amendment was withdrawn.

Senator Kauth offered the following amendment:

[AM2715](#)

- 1 1. Strike the original section and insert the following new section:
- 2 Section 1. (1) For purposes of this section:
- 3 (a) Maternity leave means leave hours that the state provides to a
- 4 maternity leave eligible employee to bond with a child;
- 5 (b) Maternity leave eligible employee means a woman who:
- 6 (i) Is a state employee;
- 7 (ii) Gives birth to or adopts a child; and
- 8 (iii) Is assuming a parental role with respect to the child;
- 9 (c) Retaliatory action means to do any of the following to an
- 10 employee:
- 11 (i) Dismiss the employee;
- 12 (ii) Reduce the employee's compensation;
- 13 (iii) Fail to increase the employee's compensation by an amount that
- 14 the employee is otherwise entitled to or was promised;
- 15 (iv) Fail to promote the employee if the employee would have
- 16 otherwise been promoted; or

17 (v) Threaten to take any of the actions described in subdivisions

18 (1)(c)(i) to (iv) of this section;

19 (d) State employee means any individual who is a full-time employee

20 or a permanent part-time employee of the state; and

21 (e) Woman has the same meaning as in section 79-3803.

22 (2) A maternity leave eligible employee who is a full-time employee

23 shall be entitled to six weeks of paid maternity leave for the birth or

24 adoption of such employee's child. A maternity leave eligible employee

25 who is a permanent part-time employee shall be entitled to paid maternity

26 leave proportionate to the employee's regular workweek.

27 (3) Maternity leave:

1 (a) Shall not be used before the day on which the maternity leave

2 eligible employee's child is born or adopted;

3 (b) Shall not be used more than six months after the day on which

4 the maternity leave eligible employee's child is born or adopted;

5 (c) Shall not be used intermittently, unless:

6 (i) By mutual written agreement between the state and the maternity

7 leave eligible employee; or

8 (ii) A health care provider certifies that intermittent leave is

9 medically necessary due to a serious health condition of the child; and

10 (d) Runs concurrently with any leave authorized under the Family and

11 Medical Leave Act of 1993, 29 U.S.C. 2601 et seq.

12 (4) A maternity leave eligible employee shall not use more than six

13 weeks of paid maternity leave within a single twelve-month period.

14 (5)(a) Except as provided in subdivision (5)(b) of this section, a

15 maternity leave eligible employee shall give the state notice at least

16 thirty days before the day on which the employee plans to begin using

17 maternity leave under this section.

18 (b) If circumstances beyond the maternity leave eligible employee's

19 control prevent the employee from giving notice in accordance with

20 subdivision (5)(a) of this section, the employee shall give such notice

21 as soon as reasonably practicable.

22 (6) Except as provided in subdivision (3)(d) of this section, the

23 state shall not charge maternity leave under this section against sick,

24 vacation, compensatory, or other leave a maternity leave eligible

25 employee is entitled to.

26 (7) The state shall not compensate a maternity leave eligible

27 employee for any unused maternity leave upon termination of employment.

28 (8) Following the expiration of maternity leave under this section,

29 the state shall ensure that the maternity leave eligible employee may

30 return to:

31 (a) The position that the employee held before using maternity

1 leave; or

2 (b) A position with the state that is equivalent in seniority,

3 status, benefits, and pay to the position that the employee held before

4 using maternity leave.

5 (9) During the time a maternity leave eligible employee uses

6 maternity leave under this section, the employee shall continue to

7 receive all employment related benefits and payments at the same level

8 that the employee received immediately before beginning the maternity

9 leave, provided that the employee pays any required employee

10 contributions.

11 (10) The state shall not:

12 (a) Interfere with or otherwise restrain a maternity leave eligible

13 employee from using maternity leave in accordance with this section; or

14 (b) Take retaliatory action against a maternity leave eligible

15 employee for using maternity leave in accordance with this section.

16 (11) The Department of Administrative Services shall administer this

17 section.

Senator Kauth moved for a call of the house. The motion prevailed with 26 ayes, 1 nay, and 22 not voting.

The Kauth amendment was adopted with 27 ayes, 9 nays, 7 present and not voting, and 6 excused and not voting.

The Chair declared the call raised.

Senator M. Cavanaugh offered the following motion:

[MO519](#)

Reconsider the vote taken on AM2715.

Senator M. Cavanaugh requested a roll call vote on her motion to reconsider.

The M. Cavanaugh motion failed with 13 ayes, 21 nays, 6 present and not voting, 3 absent and not voting, and 6 excused and not voting.

Advanced to Enrollment and Review Initial with 29 ayes, 5 nays, 9 present and not voting, and 6 excused and not voting.

COMMITTEE REPORT(S)

Revenue

LEGISLATIVE BILL 803. Placed on General File with amendment.

[AM2651](#) is available in the Bill Room.

(Signed) R. Brad von Gillern, Chairperson

BILL ON FIRST READING

The following bill was read for the first time by title:

LEGISLATIVE BILL 847A. Introduced by Kauth, 31.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to appropriations; to amend Laws 2025, LB261, sections 87, 88, and 247; to change appropriations to aid in carrying out the provisions of Legislative Bill 847, One Hundred Ninth Legislature, Second Session, 2026; to repeal the original sections; and to declare an emergency.

AMENDMENT(S) - Print in Journal

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

[AM2633](#)

(Amendments to Standing Committee amendments, AM2360)

1 1. Strike sections 86, 87, and 88 and insert the following new

2 section:

3 Sec. 86. Section 71-15,169, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement,

4 2024, is amended to read:

5 71-15,169 (1) A housing agency for a city of the metropolitan class
6 shall establish a complaint process. Any resident of an agency property
7 may file a complaint by any of the following means:
8 (a) A complaint form filled out online on the housing agency's
9 website;
10 (b) A telephone call made to a housing agency; or
11 (c) A complaint form filled out in person. Such complaint form shall
12 be made available at designated offices.
13 (2) The complaint form, whether completed by the complainant online,
14 in-person, or by a housing agency employee answering a telephone call
15 complaint, shall include the following information:
16 (a) The name of the complainant;
17 (b) Contact information including the telephone number, email
18 address, and mailing address of the complainant;
19 (c) The nature of the complaint, including, but not limited to,
20 whether a maintenance issue, a discrimination claim, or a rent dispute;
21 and
22 (d) Relevant dates.
23 (3) Notice of the right to file a complaint up until the time of an
24 eviction shall be included on both the online and printed complaint form.
25 (4) The complainant may provide any supporting documentation with
26 the complaint, including, but not limited to, photographs or digital
1 images, receipts, and correspondence.
2 (5) Upon receipt of the complaint, the agency shall send an
3 acknowledgment to the complainant by email or regular first-class mail
4 within five business days. Each complaint shall be assigned a unique case
5 number for tracking purposes.
6 (6) The agency shall conduct a thorough investigation of the
7 complaint, including, but not limited to, interviewing relevant parties,
8 inspecting property and relevant documents, and reviewing applicable laws
9 and regulations.
10 (7) The housing authority shall resolve the complaint within
11 fourteen days after receipt of the complaint. If additional time is
12 required, the complainant shall be notified and provided with an updated
13 timeline. Throughout the investigation, the agency shall provide the
14 complainant with regular updates on the status of the complaint by email,
15 telephone, or regular first-class mail.
16 (8) The agency shall notify the complainant of the resolution of the
17 complaint in writing within five business days after such resolution. The
18 notice shall include (a) a summary of the investigation findings, (b) the
19 action taken to address the complaint, (c) any remedies or compensation
20 provided, (d) information on how to file a complaint with the political
21 subdivision responsible for code enforcement, if applicable, and (e)
22 information about the city's complaint process if the complainant is not
23 satisfied with the resolution of the complaint.
24 (9) A complainant who is dissatisfied with the resolution of his or
25 her complaint may bring an action against the agency under the terms of
26 his or her lease agreement.
27 ~~(10)~~(9) The agency shall invite the complainant to provide feedback
28 on the complainant's experience with the complaint process, including
29 suggestions for improvement.
30 ~~(11)~~(10) The agency shall monitor complaint trends, analyze root
31 causes, and report on complaint resolution statistics regularly to
1 identify areas for improvement. The agency shall submit a report to the
2 commissioners at every board meeting detailing (a) the number of
3 complaints filed, (b) the nature of such complaints, (c) the status of
4 completed and pending inspections, and (d) the number of unfilled
5 inspector positions within the housing agency. The report shall also be
6 made available to the public on the agency's website and at the agency's
7 office.

8 ~~(12)(44)~~ The agency shall inform persons applying for housing about
 9 the complaint process during the resident application process and inform
 10 residents about the complaint process (a) annually, (b) at the time a
 11 complaint is filed, and (c) by posting on the agency's website and on any
 12 public boards in any common housing spaces.
 13 2. On page 87, strike lines 17 through 20 and insert the following
 14 new subdivision:
 15 "(40) To regulate any housing agency in a city of the metropolitan
 16 class, which may include:
 17 (a) Providing for code enforcement and pest control for all
 18 properties owned and controlled by such housing agency;
 19 (b) Providing for regular inspections of all properties managed by
 20 such housing agency;
 21 (c) Requiring all properties managed by such housing agency to be
 22 registered pursuant to any rental registration ordinance adopted by such
 23 city of the metropolitan class;
 24 (d) Setting penalties for code violations and failure to properly
 25 manage properties; and
 26 (e) Requiring monthly updates to the city council of such city of
 27 the metropolitan class."
 28 3. On page 106, line 1, strike "sections 88 and 89" and insert
 29 "section 87".
 30 4. Renumber the remaining sections and correct internal references
 31 and the repealer accordingly.
 1 5. Correct the operative date section so that the section added by
 2 this amendment becomes operative three calendar months after the
 3 adjournment of this legislative session.

GENERAL FILE

LEGISLATIVE BILL 1261. Senator Conrad offered [MO406](#), found on page 693, to indefinitely postpone pursuant to Rule 6, Sec. 3(f).

Senator DeKay opened on LB1261.

Senator Conrad opened on MO406.

Pending.

AMENDMENT(S) - Print in Journal

Senator DeKay filed the following amendments to [LB1261](#):

[AM2662](#)

(Amendments to Standing Committee amendments, AM2086)

- 1 1. Insert the following new amendments:
- 2 1. Insert the following new section:
- 3 Sec. 2. This act becomes operative on August 1, 2026.
- 4 3. Renumber the remaining section accordingly.
- 5 2. Renumber the remaining amendment accordingly.

[AM2663](#)

(Amendments to Standing Committee amendments, AM2086)

- 1 1. Insert the following new amendments:
- 2 1. Insert the following new section:
- 3 Sec. 2. This act becomes operative on August 2, 2026.
- 4 3. Renumber the remaining section accordingly.
- 5 2. Renumber the remaining amendment accordingly.

[AM2664](#)

(Amendments to Standing Committee amendments, AM2086)

- 1 1. Insert the following new amendments:
- 2 1. Insert the following new section:
- 3 Sec. 2. This act becomes operative on August 3, 2026.
- 4 3. Renumber the remaining section accordingly.
- 5 2. Renumber the remaining amendment accordingly.

Senator Storm filed the following amendment to [LB933](#):

[AM2677](#)

(Amendments to AM2602)

- 1 1. On page 1, line 14, after "judgment" insert "and based upon a
- 2 preponderance of the current scientific evidence".

UNANIMOUS CONSENT - Add Cointroducer(s)

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

Senator Sanders name added to LB1073.

VISITOR(S)

Visitors to the Chamber were students from Pershing Elementary, Lexington.

The Doctor of the Day was Dr. John Balman, Omaha.

ADJOURNMENT

At 4:59 p.m., on a motion by Senator Murman, the Legislature adjourned until 9:00 a.m., Tuesday, March 18, 2026.

Brandon Metzler
Clerk of the Legislature

