

FORTY-SIXTH DAY - MARCH 19, 2026**LEGISLATIVE JOURNAL****ONE HUNDRED NINTH LEGISLATURE
SECOND SESSION****FORTY-SIXTH DAY**

Legislative Chamber, Lincoln, Nebraska
Thursday, March 19, 2026

PRAYER

The prayer was offered by Father Lawrence Stoley, St. Michael Catholic Church, Lincoln.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was offered by Senator Wordekemper.

ROLL CALL

Pursuant to adjournment, the Legislature met at 9:00 a.m., President Kelly presiding.

The roll was called and all members were present except Senator Dungan who was excused; and Senators Bostar and Hunt who were excused until they arrive.

CORRECTIONS FOR THE JOURNAL

The Journal for the forty-fifth day was approved.

COMMITTEE REPORT(S)

Urban Affairs

LEGISLATIVE BILL 811. Placed on General File with amendment.

AM2321

1 1. Insert the following new section:

2 Sec. 3. Section 18-3410, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is

3 amended to read:

4 18-3410 (1) A land bank shall hold in its own name all real property
5 acquired by the land bank irrespective of the identity of the transferor
6 of such property.

7 (2) A land bank shall maintain and make available for public review
8 and inspection an inventory of all real property held by the land bank.

9 (3) A land bank shall determine and set forth in policies and

10 procedures of the board the general terms and conditions for

11 consideration to be received by the land bank for the transfer of real
 12 property and interests in real property, which consideration may take the
 13 form of monetary payments and secured financial obligations, covenants
 14 and conditions related to the present and future use of the property,
 15 contractual commitments of the transferee, and such other forms of
 16 consideration as determined by the board to be in the best interest of
 17 the land bank.

18 (4) A land bank may convey, exchange, sell, transfer, grant, release
 19 and demise, pledge, and hypothecate any and all interests in, upon, or to
 20 real property of the land bank. A land bank may lease as lessor real
 21 property of the land bank for a period not to exceed twelve months,
 22 except that such twelve-month limitation shall not apply if the real
 23 property of the land bank is subject to a lease with a remaining term of
 24 more than twelve months at the time such real property is acquired by the
 25 land bank.

26 (5) The municipality or municipalities that created the land bank
 27 may establish by resolution or ordinance a hierarchical ranking of
 1 priorities for the use of real property conveyed by a land bank. Such
 2 ranking shall take into consideration the highest and best use that, when
 3 possible, will bring the greatest benefit to the community. The
 4 priorities may include, but are not limited to, (a) use for purely public
 5 spaces and places, (b) use for affordable housing, (c) use for retail,
 6 commercial, and industrial activities, (d) use for urban agricultural
 7 activities including the establishment of community gardens as defined in
 8 section 2-303, and (e) such other uses and in such hierarchical order as
 9 determined by the municipality or municipalities.

10 (6) The municipality or municipalities that created the land bank
 11 may require by resolution or ordinance that any particular form of
 12 disposition of real property, or any disposition of real property located
 13 within specified jurisdictions, be subject to specified voting and
 14 approval requirements of the board. Except and unless restricted or
 15 constrained in this manner, the board may delegate to officers and
 16 employees the authority to enter into and execute agreements, instruments
 17 of conveyance, and all other related documents pertaining to the
 18 conveyance of real property by the land bank.

19 (7)(a) For any real property of a land bank that is intended for
 20 residential development, the land bank shall advertise the availability
 21 of such property for sale for ninety days after acquiring the property or
 22 until an offer to buy the property is accepted, whichever is earlier.

23 (b) Any conveyance of real property made as a result of the
 24 advertisement described in subdivision (7)(a) of this section may include
 25 a contractual provision allowing the land bank to reacquire the property
 26 at the original purchase price, exercise a right of reentry, or otherwise
 27 reacquire the property under terms established by the contract if
 28 construction has not commenced within a specific timeframe provided in
 29 the contract.

30 (c) This subsection shall not apply to any land bank created by a
 31 city of the metropolitan class or city of the primary class.

1 2. Renumber the remaining section and correct the repealer
 2 accordingly.

(Signed) Terrell McKinney, Chairperson

AMENDMENT(S) - Print in Journal

Senator Lonowski filed the following amendment to [LB1048](#):
[AM2739](#)

(Amendments to Standing Committee amendments, AM1957)

1 1. Strike amendments 1 and 4 and insert the following new

2 amendments:

3 1. Strike original section 23 and insert the following new sections:

4 Sec. 6. Section 71-1131, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is

5 amended to read:

6 71-1131 If the subject cannot afford to pay, the county shall pay
7 court costs, costs of emergency custody, and related expenses for a
8 petition filed pursuant to the Developmental Disabilities Court-Ordered
9 Custody Act, including the costs of legal counsel appointed to represent
10 the subject and any expert hired to evaluate and testify on behalf of the
11 subject. In counties having a public defender, the court may appoint the
12 public defender as legal counsel for the subject. The county shall be
13 responsible for the cost of transporting the subject to and from court
14 hearings under the act and to any emergency custody or other custody
15 ordered under the act. The department shall pay the costs of the
16 department's evaluations of the subject, the costs of the plans completed
17 by the department and the independent mental health professional, and the
18 costs of the court-ordered custody and treatment of the subject following
19 an order of disposition, except as provided by sections 83-363 to
20 ~~83-37983-380~~.

21 Sec. 29. Section 83-227.01, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is

22 amended to read:

23 83-227.01 The Department of Health and Human Services is authorized
24 to utilize space which is temporarily surplus to the needs of the Lincoln
25 Regional Center and the Norfolk Regional Center facilities under their
26 jurisdiction for patients committed to or lawfully confined in the
1 Beatrice State Developmental Center. Patients so transferred to the
2 Lincoln Regional Center or the Norfolk Regional Center shall be housed in
3 facilities separate and apart from facilities used to house patients
4 committed to such hospital, and after their transfer such patients shall
5 receive the same type of care, custody, and treatment as they would have
6 received had they remained at the Beatrice State Developmental Center,
7 and the charges for their care and maintenance shall be the same as
8 though they were housed at the Beatrice State Developmental Center, and
9 the charges shall be collected in the manner provided in this section and
10 sections 83-227.02, 83-350, and 83-363 to ~~83-37983-380~~.

11 Sec. 30. Section 83-227.02, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is

12 amended to read:

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

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

28 Sec. 31. Section 83-363, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is

29 amended to read:

30 83-363 As used in sections 83-227.01, 83-227.02, 83-350, and 83-363
31 to ~~83-37983-380~~, unless the context otherwise requires:

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

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

3 Norfolk, the Beatrice State Developmental Center, and such other

4 institutions as may hereafter be established by the Legislature for the

5 care and treatment of persons with a mental disorder or persons with an
6 intellectual disability;

7 (3) Relative means the spouse of a patient or, if the patient has no
8 spouse and is under the age of majority at the time he or she is

9 admitted, the parents of a patient in a state institution; and

10 (4) Parents means either or both of a patient's natural parents

11 unless such patient has been legally adopted by other parents, in which
12 case parents means either or both of the adoptive parents.

13 Sec. 32. Section 83-364, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is
14 amended to read:

15 83-364 When any person is admitted to a state institution or other
16 inpatient treatment facility pursuant to an order of a mental health

17 board under the Nebraska Mental Health Commitment Act or the Sex Offender
18 Commitment Act or receives treatment prescribed by such institution or

19 facility following release or without being admitted as a resident

20 patient, the patient and the patient's relatives shall be liable for the

21 cost of the care, support, maintenance, and treatment of such person to
22 the extent and in the manner provided by sections 83-227.01, 83-227.02,

23 83-350, and 83-363 to ~~83-37983-380~~. Such sections also shall apply to

24 persons admitted to a state institution as transferees from any state

25 penal institution or youth rehabilitation and treatment center but only

26 after the expiration of the time for which the transferees were

27 originally sentenced or committed.

28 Sec. 33. Section 83-367, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is
29 amended to read:

30 83-367 The liability of each relative, except a spouse, shall cease

31 when relatives shall have completed payments assessed pursuant to

1 sections 83-227.01, 83-227.02, 83-350, and 83-363 to ~~83-37983-380~~ for one

2 hundred eighty months, or when the patient attains the age of majority,

3 whichever shall occur first.

4 Sec. 34. Section 83-370, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is
5 amended to read:

6 83-370 When any relative willfully fails to furnish to the

7 department, upon request, the information required by sections 83-227.01,

8 83-227.02, 83-350, and 83-363 to ~~83-37983-380~~ as to his or her taxable

9 income, such relative shall be deemed to have ability to pay the entire

10 cost determined under sections 83-227.01, 83-227.02, 83-350, and 83-363

11 to ~~83-37983-380~~.

12 Sec. 35. Section 83-371, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is
13 amended to read:

14 83-371 Pursuant to the provisions of the Administrative Procedure

15 Act, the department shall adopt and promulgate appropriate rules and

16 regulations for making the determinations required by sections 83-227.01,

17 83-227.02, 83-350, and 83-363 to ~~83-37983-380~~.

18 Sec. 36. Section 83-375, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is
19 amended to read:

20 83-375 When any patient or relative fails to pay the amounts

21 determined to be due under sections 83-227.01, 83-227.02, 83-350, and

22 83-363 to ~~83-37983-380~~, the ~~State~~state of Nebraska may proceed against

23 such person in the manner authorized by law for the recovery of money

24 owed to a creditor. The Attorney General shall represent the state in

25 such actions, but may authorize the county attorney for the county in

26 which such person resides or owns property to investigate and prosecute

27 the action on behalf of the state.

28 Sec. 37. Section 83-377, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is
29 amended to read:

30 83-377 In all cases in which a guardian has been named for any

31 person liable for payments under sections 83-227.01, 83-227.02, 83-350,

1 and 83-363 to ~~83-37983-380~~, the guardian shall represent such person in

2 all matters arising under sections 83-227.01, 83-227.02, 83-350, and

3 83-363 to ~~83-37983-380~~ and shall be liable in the same manner as he or
4 she would be on any other matters arising from the guardianship.
5 Sec. 38. Section 83-378, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is
6 amended to read:
7 83-378 No person shall be liable for the cost of the care, support,
8 maintenance, and treatment of any patient except as provided in sections
9 83-363 to ~~83-37983-380~~, but the amounts determined to be due and unpaid
10 at the time of the death of a patient or relative shall constitute a
11 claim against the estate of such patient or relative. The department may
12 accept voluntary payments on behalf of any patient from any person who is
13 not liable for payments.
14 Sec. 39. Section 83-379, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is
15 amended to read:
16 83-379 In the absence of fraud, a patient and the patient's~~his~~
17 relatives shall be liable only to the extent of assessments actually made
18 against them respectively, in accordance with sections 83-227.01,
19 83-227.02, 83-350, and 83-363 to ~~83-37983-380~~. For the purposes of
20 sections 83-227.01, 83-227.02, 83-350, and 83-363 to ~~83-37983-380~~, it
21 shall be deemed fraudulent for any patient or the patient's~~his~~ relatives
22 to transfer any assets or property to another person for the purpose of
23 affecting the determination of ability to pay. When it is determined that
24 such a fraudulent transfer has been made, the department shall consider
25 the value of such assets or property transferred in determining the
26 ability to pay under section 83-368 or 83-369.
27 Sec. 40. Section 83-380.01, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is
28 amended to read:
29 83-380.01 Upon the discharge from a treatment facility, an indigent
30 person who has received mental-health-board-ordered treatment may file an
31 affidavit with the Department of Health and Human Services or the mental
1 health board requesting that prescription medicine which the regional
2 center treating psychiatrist or the patient's treating physician has
3 prescribed as necessary for the patient's mental health treatment be
4 provided to him or her. Such affidavit shall include the following: (1)
5 That the patient qualifies as an indigent person who is unable to pay
6 under the same standards of ability to pay as set forth in sections
7 83-363 to ~~83-37983-380~~; and (2) that such prescription medicine has been
8 prescribed by the regional center's treatment psychiatrist or the
9 patient's treating physician as necessary for the patient's mental health
10 treatment. The mental health board shall refer such requests it receives
11 to the Department of Health and Human Services and the department shall
12 provide such prescription medicine as may be necessary for such former
13 patient's mental health treatment so long as he or she remains an
14 outpatient and his or her treating physician continues to prescribe and
15 certify that such prescription medicine is necessary for the patient's
16 mental health treatment and he or she continues to be an indigent person
17 as determined under the same standards of ability to pay as set forth in
18 sections 83-363 to ~~83-37983-380~~. The Department of Health and Human
19 Services may adopt and promulgate rules and regulations to carry out the
20 provisions of this section in accordance with the Administrative
21 Procedure Act, including, but not limited to, hearings necessary to
22 determine whether such person is qualified to receive such medications
23 and whether such medication is necessary for the patient's mental health
24 treatment.
25 4. On page 48, strike the new matter in lines 1 through 12; and in
26 line 27, after "81-1384," insert "83-380,".

RESOLUTION(S)

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 375. Introduced by Hughes, 24.

WHEREAS, the 2026 Nebraska School Activities Association Class C-1 Girls State Basketball Championship was held on March 7, 2026, and the 2025 Nebraska School Activities Association Class C-1 State Volleyball Championship was held on November 8, 2025; and

WHEREAS, in basketball, the Milford High School Eagles defeated the Malcolm High School Clippers 66 to 52 to earn the first girls basketball championship title in school history; and

WHEREAS, in volleyball, the Milford High School Eagles defeated the Holdrege High School Dusters in four sets resulting in the Eagles earning the school's first volleyball state championship title; and

WHEREAS, such team achievements are 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 Milford High School Eagles on winning the 2026 Nebraska School Activities Association Class C-1 Girls State Basketball Championship title and the 2025 Nebraska School Activities Association Class C-1 State Volleyball Championship title.

2. That a copy of this resolution be sent to Milford High School.

Laid over.

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 376. Introduced by Cavanaugh, J., 9.

WHEREAS, the United States Postal Service was established on July 26, 1775, by decree of the Second Continental Congress and later enshrined in 1788 in the Constitution of the United States; and

WHEREAS, the United States Postal Service has played a significant role in the historical development of the country establishing roads, railways, and airlines, and has played a vital role binding together the people of this country using communication and transportation; and

WHEREAS, the United States Postal Service provides equal and affordable services to all Americans no matter who they are or where they live, six and sometimes seven days a week; and

WHEREAS, the United States Postal Service is an important source of good, union, living-wage jobs using fair hiring practices with equal pay for equal work for workers from all walks of life; and

WHEREAS, the United States Postal Service is a public good and a vital source of communication for all Americans.

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

1. That the Legislature recognizes more than two hundred fifty years of the United States Postal Service and supports the continued public mission to serve all Americans.

2. That the Legislature salutes the nation's postal workers.

Laid over.

GENERAL FILE

LEGISLATIVE BILL 820A. Title read. Considered.

Advanced to Enrollment and Review Initial with 39 ayes, 0 nays, 7 present and not voting, and 3 excused and not voting.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 847A. Title read. Considered.

Advanced to Enrollment and Review Initial with 38 ayes, 0 nays, 8 present and not voting, and 3 excused and not voting.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 901A. Title read. Considered.

Advanced to Enrollment and Review Initial with 34 ayes, 0 nays, 12 present and not voting, and 3 excused and not voting.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 1101A. Title read. Considered.

Advanced to Enrollment and Review Initial with 39 ayes, 0 nays, 7 present and not voting, and 3 excused and not voting.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 1181A. Title read. Considered.

Advanced to Enrollment and Review Initial with 40 ayes, 0 nays, 6 present and not voting, and 3 excused and not voting.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 1235A. Title read. Considered.

Advanced to Enrollment and Review Initial with 37 ayes, 0 nays, 9 present and not voting, and 3 excused and not voting.

SELECT FILE

LEGISLATIVE BILL 1071. [ER143](#), found on page 1060, was offered.

ER143 was adopted.

Senator Conrad withdrew the following amendments:

[FA945](#), found on page 573.

[AM2580](#), found on page 1010.

[AM2583](#), found on page 1010.

Senator M. Cavanaugh withdrew [FA1037](#), found on page 1010.

Senator Brandt withdrew [FA1045](#), found on page 1009.

Senator Clements offered [AM2748](#), found on page 1115.

Senator Conrad withdrew the following amendments:

[AM2566](#), found on page 1010.

[AM2567](#), found on page 1010.

Senator Conrad offered the following amendment to the Clements amendment:

[AM2787](#)

(Amendments to AM2748)

- 1 1. Strike section 98.
- 2 2. Renumber the remaining sections and correct the repealer
- 3 3 accordingly.

SPEAKER ARCH PRESIDING

PRESIDENT KELLY PRESIDING

The Conrad amendment lost with 17 ayes, 23 nays, 7 present and not voting, and 2 excused and not voting.

Pending.

COMMITTEE REPORT(S)

Transportation and Telecommunications

LEGISLATIVE BILL 714. Placed on General File with amendment.

[AM2394](#) is available in the Bill Room.

(Signed) Mike Moser, Chairperson

Judiciary

LEGISLATIVE BILL 1100. Placed on General File with amendment.

[AM2688](#)

- 1 1. Strike the original sections and insert the following new
- 2 sections:
- 3 Section 1. For purposes of sections 1 to 5 of this act:
- 4 (1) Claimant means a person seeking damages in a personal injury or
- 5 wrongful death action;
- 6 (2) Factoring company means a person who purchases a health care
- 7 provider's accounts receivable at a discount below the invoice value of
- 8 such accounts;
- 9 (3) Health care coverage means any third-party health care or
- 10 disability services financing arrangement, including, but not limited to,
- 11 arrangements with entities certified or authorized under state or federal
- 12 law; state or federal health care benefit programs; workers'
- 13 compensation; and personal injury protection;
- 14 (4) Health care provider means any of the following professionals
- 15 and entities, and professionals and entities similarly licensed in
- 16 another jurisdiction;
- 17 (a) A facility licensed under the Health Care Facility Licensure Act

18 and its clinical and nonclinical staff providing inpatient or outpatient
19 services;
20 (b) A health care professional licensed under the Uniform
21 Credentialing Act;
22 (c) A professional health care service entity as defined in section
23 71-7910.01;
24 (d) An organization or association of health care professionals
25 licensed under the Uniform Credentialing Act;
26 (e) A clinical laboratory providing services in this state or
27 services to health care providers in this state, if the clinical
1 laboratory is certified by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services
2 of the United States Department of Health and Human Services under the
3 federal Clinical Laboratories Improvement Act of 1967, as amended, and
4 any rules issued thereunder, as such act and rules existed on January 1,
5 2025;
6 (f) A federally-qualified health center as defined in 42 U.S.C.
7 1396d(l)(2)(B), as such section existed on January 1, 2025; and
8 (g) A home health aide as defined in section 71-6602; and
9 (5) Letter of protection means any arrangement by which a health
10 care provider renders treatment in exchange for a promise of payment for
11 the claimant's medical expenses from any judgment or settlement of a
12 personal injury or wrongful death action. The term includes any such
13 arrangement, regardless of whether referred to as a letter of protection.
14 Sec. 2. (1) Evidence offered to prove the amount of damages for
15 past or future medical treatment or services in a personal injury or
16 wrongful death action shall only be admissible as provided in this
17 section.
18 (2) Evidence offered to prove the amount of damages for charges for
19 past medical treatment or services that have been satisfied is limited to
20 evidence of the amount actually paid, regardless of the source of
21 payment.
22 (3) Evidence offered to prove the amount necessary to satisfy unpaid
23 charges incurred for medical treatment or services is limited to the
24 following:
25 (a) If the claimant has health care coverage other than medicare or
26 medicaid, evidence of the amount which such health care coverage is
27 obligated to pay the health care provider to satisfy such charges, plus
28 the claimant's share of such charges;
29 (b) If the claimant has health care coverage but obtains treatment
30 under a letter of protection or otherwise does not submit charges for any
31 health care provider's medical treatment or services to health care
1 coverage, evidence of the amount the claimant's health care coverage
2 would pay the health care provider to satisfy such past unpaid charges,
3 plus the claimant's share of such charges, had the claimant obtained
4 medical services or treatment pursuant to the health care coverage;
5 (c) If the claimant does not have health care coverage or has health
6 care coverage through medicare or medicaid, evidence of one hundred fifty
7 percent of the medicare reimbursement rate in effect on the date of the
8 claimant's incurred medical treatment or services or, if there is no
9 applicable medicare rate for a medical treatment or service, one hundred
10 seventy percent of the applicable state medicaid rate in effect on such
11 date; and
12 (d) If the claimant obtains medical treatment or services under a
13 letter of protection and the health care provider subsequently transfers
14 the right to receive payment under the letter of protection to a third
15 party, evidence of the amount the third party paid or agreed to pay the
16 health care provider in exchange for the right to receive payment
17 pursuant to the letter of protection.
18 (4) Evidence offered to prove the amount of damages for any unpaid
19 charges for future medical treatment or services the claimant will

20 receive is limited to the following:

21 (a) If the claimant has health care coverage, other than medicare or
22 medicaid, or is eligible for any such health care coverage, evidence of
23 the amount for which such future charges of health care providers would
24 be satisfied if submitted to such health care coverage at the time of
25 trial, plus the claimant's share of such charges;

26 (b) If the claimant does not have health care coverage, has health
27 care coverage through medicare or medicaid, or is eligible for such
28 coverage through medicare or medicaid, evidence of one hundred fifty
29 percent of the medicare reimbursement rate in effect at the time of trial
30 for the medical treatment or services the claimant will receive or, if
31 there is no applicable medicare rate for a medical treatment or service,
1 one hundred seventy percent of the applicable state medicaid rate in
2 effect at such time; and

3 (c) Any evidence of reasonable future amounts to be billed to the
4 claimant for medically necessary treatment or medically necessary
5 services, calculated as provided in subdivision (4)(a) or (b) of this
6 section, as applicable.

7 (5) This section does not impose an affirmative duty upon any party
8 to seek a reduction in billed charges to which the party is not
9 contractually entitled.

10 (6) Individual contracts between health care providers and
11 authorized commercial insurers or authorized health maintenance
12 organizations are not subject to discovery or disclosure and are not
13 admissible into evidence to prove the amount of damages for past or
14 future medical treatment or services in a personal injury or wrongful
15 death action.

16 (7) Health care providers and authorized commercial insurers,
17 including in their capacity as third-party administrators, are not
18 subject to third-party subpoenas, depositions, or discovery requests to
19 the extent that such subpoena, deposition, or discovery request solicits
20 expert testimony on the evidence subject to sections 1 to 5 of this act.

21 Sec. 3. In a personal injury or wrongful death action, evidence of
22 past medical expenses actually paid may be offered by any party, as such
23 evidence is relevant to economic and noneconomic damages.

24 Sec. 4. In a personal injury or wrongful death action, as a
25 condition precedent to asserting any claim for expenses for medical
26 treatment or services rendered under a letter of protection, the claimant
27 shall disclose:

28 (1) A copy of the letter of protection;

29 (2) All billings for such medical expenses, which must be itemized
30 and, to the extent applicable, coded according to:

31 (a) For health care providers billing at the provider level, the
1 American Medical Association's Current Procedural Terminology (CPT), or
2 the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services' Healthcare Common
3 Procedure Coding System (HCPCS), in effect on the date the medical
4 treatment or services were rendered;

5 (b) For health care providers billing at the facility level for
6 expenses incurred in a clinical or outpatient setting, including when
7 billing through an Ambulatory Payment Classification (APC) or Enhanced
8 Ambulatory Patient Grouping (EAPG), the International Classification of
9 Diseases (ICD) diagnosis code and, if applicable, the American Medical
10 Association's Current Procedural Terminology (CPT), in effect on the date
11 the medical treatment or services were rendered; and

12 (c) For health care providers billing at the facility level for
13 expenses incurred in an inpatient setting, including when billing through
14 a Diagnosis Related Group (DRG), the International Classification of
15 Diseases (ICD) diagnosis and procedure codes in effect on the date on
16 which the claimant is discharged;

17 (3) If the health care provider sells the accounts receivable for

18 the claimant's medical expenses to a factoring company or other third
19 party:
20 (a) The name of the factoring company or other third party who
21 purchased such accounts; and
22 (b) The dollar amount for which the factoring company or other third
23 party purchased such accounts, including any discount provided below the
24 invoice amount;
25 (4) Whether the claimant, at the time medical treatment or services
26 were rendered, had health care coverage and, if so, the identity of such
27 coverage; and
28 (5) Whether the claimant was referred for medical treatment or
29 services under a letter of protection and, if so, the identity of the
30 person who made the referral. If the referral is made by the claimant's
31 attorney, disclosure of the referral is permitted, and evidence of such
1 referral is admissible notwithstanding any attorney-client privilege
2 asserted. In such situation, the financial relationship between a law
3 firm and a health care provider, including the number of referrals,
4 frequency, and financial benefit obtained, is relevant to the issue of
5 the bias of a testifying health care provider.
6 Sec. 5. The damages that may be recovered by a claimant in a
7 personal injury or wrongful death action for the reasonable and necessary
8 cost or value of past or future medical treatment or services shall not:
9 (1) Include any amount in excess of the evidence of charges for
10 medical treatment or services admitted pursuant to section 2 of this act;
11 or
12 (2) Exceed the sum of the following:
13 (a) Amounts actually paid by or on behalf of the claimant to a
14 health care provider who rendered medical treatment or services;
15 (b) Amounts necessary to satisfy charges for medical treatment or
16 services that are due and owing but at the time of trial are not yet
17 satisfied, calculated as provided in section 2 of this act; and
18 (c) Amounts necessary to provide for any reasonable and necessary
19 medical treatment or services the claimant will receive in the future,
20 calculated as provided in section 2 of this act.
21 Sec. 6. (1) For purposes of this section:
22 (a) Commercial motor vehicle has the same meaning as in section
23 60-316; and
24 (b) Commercial motor vehicle carrier means any person that
25 transports property by commercial motor vehicle upon the public highways.
26 (2)(a) The sum total amount recoverable per plaintiff for
27 noneconomic damages against all defendants and other responsible persons
28 in a civil action for personal injury or death involving a commercial
29 motor vehicle requiring a commercial driver's license, whether in tort or
30 otherwise, is:
31 (i) For civil actions filed before January 1, 2029, five million
1 dollars; and
2 (ii) For civil actions filed on or after January 1, 2029, the amount
3 set forth in subsection (3) of this section.
4 (b) The limit on damages provided in this subsection applies
5 regardless of the number of derivative claims or theories of liability in
6 the civil action.
7 (3) Beginning on January 1, 2029, and each January 1 of each odd-
8 numbered year thereafter, the State Court Administrator shall adjust the
9 limit on damages set forth in subsection (2) of this section. The
10 adjusted limit shall be equal to the then current limit adjusted by the
11 cumulative percentage change in the Consumer Price Index for All Urban
12 Consumers for the Midwest region, all items, published by the United
13 States Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics, or its successor
14 index, for the two-year period ending on the previous September 30. The
15 amount shall be rounded to the next highest one-thousand-dollar amount.

16 (4) In a civil action subject to the limit provided in subsection
 17 (2) of this section:
 18 (a) If the action is tried before a jury, the jury shall first make
 19 a finding as to noneconomic damages without regard to the limit in
 20 subsection (2) of this section. If the noneconomic damages exceed such
 21 limit, the court shall then reduce the award to comply with such limit;
 22 and
 23 (b) If the action is tried without a jury, the court shall first
 24 make a finding as to noneconomic damages without regard to the limit in
 25 subsection (2) of this section. If the noneconomic damages exceed such
 26 limit, the court shall then reduce the award to comply with such limit.
 27 Sec. 7. For purposes of sections 7 to 10 of this act:
 28 (1) Conduct refers to acts of commission and omission;
 29 (2)(a) Ethylene oxide exposure action means a civil action seeking
 30 damages for personal injury caused by the exposure of an individual to
 31 ethylene oxide.
 1 (b) Ethylene oxide exposure action does not include any claim
 2 covered by the Nebraska Workers' Compensation Act; and
 3 (3) Health care business means a person engaged in business in the
 4 health care industry, including the manufacturing, sale and distribution,
 5 sterilization, storage, and transportation of medical devices.
 6 Sec. 8. A health care business shall not be liable for damages in
 7 an ethylene oxide exposure action unless the plaintiff proves by clear
 8 and convincing evidence that:
 9 (1) The conduct of the health care business giving rise to the
 10 action was not in substantial compliance with relevant federal laws and
 11 regulations;
 12 (2) At the time of such conduct, the health care business was not
 13 making reasonable efforts, in light of all the circumstances, to maintain
 14 substantial compliance with such federal laws and regulations;
 15 (3) Such conduct amounted to gross negligence or willful misconduct;
 16 and
 17 (4) Such conduct directly and proximately resulted in the
 18 plaintiff's exposure to ethylene oxide and directly and proximately
 19 caused personal injury to the plaintiff.
 20 Sec. 9. (1) In any ethylene oxide exposure action, the plaintiff
 21 shall plead with particularity:
 22 (a) Each element of the plaintiff's claim; and
 23 (b) Each alleged act or omission constituting gross negligence or
 24 willful misconduct that resulted in personal injury caused by exposure to
 25 ethylene oxide.
 26 (2) In any ethylene oxide exposure action, the plaintiff shall file
 27 with the complaint a statement of specific information as to the nature
 28 and amount of each element of damages claimed and the factual basis for
 29 the damages calculation.
 30 (3) In any ethylene oxide exposure action in which a claim is
 31 asserted on which the plaintiff may prevail only on proof that the
 1 defendant acted with a particular state of mind, there shall be filed
 2 with the complaint, with respect to each element of that claim, a
 3 statement of the facts giving rise to a strong inference that the
 4 defendant acted with the required state of mind.
 5 Sec. 10. (1) Sections 7 to 10 of this act constitute an exclusive
 6 cause of action for ethylene oxide exposure actions.
 7 (2) A plaintiff may prevail in an ethylene oxide exposure action
 8 only in accordance with the requirements of sections 7 to 10 of this act.
 9 Sec. 11. This act becomes operative on July 1, 2026.
 10 Sec. 12. Since an emergency exists, this act takes effect when
 11 passed and approved according to law.

(Signed) Carolyn Bosn, Chairperson

Revenue

LEGISLATIVE BILL 1165. Placed on General File with amendment. [AM2504](#) is available in the Bill Room.

(Signed) R. Brad von Gillern, Chairperson

AMENDMENT(S) - Print in Journal

Senator Bosn filed the following amendment to [LB1100](#):
[AM2689](#) is available in the Bill Room.

RESOLUTION(S)

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 377. Introduced by Storm, 23; DeKay, 40; Wordekemper, 15.

WHEREAS, the 2026 Nebraska School Activities Association Class D-1 Girls State Basketball Championships were held on March 7, 2026, at Pinnacle Bank Arena in Lincoln, Nebraska; and

WHEREAS, the Howells-Dodge High School Jaguars defeated the Bloomfield High School Bees in the championship game by a score of 45-42 winning the championship title; and

WHEREAS, the Howells-Dodge basketball team finished the season with a record of twenty-two wins and seven losses; and

WHEREAS, Coach Scott Polacek provided the leadership to cap a 22-7 winning season with a state championship; 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 Howells-Dodge High School girls basketball team on winning the 2026 Nebraska School Activities Association Class D-1 Girls State Basketball Championship title.

2. That copies of this resolution be sent to the Howells-Dodge girls basketball team and Coach Scott Polacek.

Laid over.

BILL ON FIRST READING

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

LEGISLATIVE BILL 1261A. Introduced by DeKay, 40.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to appropriations; to appropriate funds to aid in carrying out the provisions of Legislative Bill 1261, One Hundred Ninth Legislature, Second Session, 2026.

VISITOR(S)

Visitors to the Chamber were Sherri Bacon, Valentine; students from Spirit and Grace Academy, Elkhorn; students from St. Thomas More School, Omaha; Sydney Wiser, Omaha; Trip Vaggalis, Lincoln; members of ECHO Collective, Lincoln; students from Heritage Elementary, Bennington; Clara Doll, Bennington; members of Leadership Unlimited, Grand Island; students from Watson Elementary, Hastings; students from St. John Elementary, Battlecreek.

RECESS

At 11:54 a.m., on a motion by Senator Riepe, the Legislature recessed until 1:30 p.m.

AFTER RECESS

The Legislature reconvened at 1:30 p.m., Speaker Arch presiding.

ROLL CALL

The roll was called and all members were present except Senator Dungan who was excused; and Senators Ballard, Brandt, DeKay, Hughes, Ibach, McKinney, F. Meyer, Murman, Storer, Storm, and von Gillern who were excused until they arrive.

BILL ON FIRST READING

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

LEGISLATIVE BILL 912A. Introduced by Hardin, 48.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to appropriations; to appropriate funds to aid in carrying out the provisions of Legislative Bill 912, One Hundred Ninth Legislature, Second Session, 2026; and to declare an emergency.

SELECT FILE

LEGISLATIVE BILL 1071. Senator Clements renewed [AM2748](#), found on page 1115 and considered in this day's Journal.

Senator DeBoer offered the following amendment to the Clements amendment:

[AM2799](#)

(Amendments to AM2748)

- 1 1. On page 48, line 24, strike "164,701,204" and insert
- 2 "165,551,204"; and in line 29 strike "238,731,429" and insert
- 3 "239,581,429".
- 4 2. On page 49, line 5, strike "\$164,701,204" and insert
- 5 "\$165,551,204".
- 6 3. On page 50, line 11, after "FY2026-27" insert "\$850,000 General
- 7 Funds and".

The DeBoer amendment was withdrawn.

Senator DeBoer offered the following amendment to the Clements amendment:

[AM2820](#)

(Amendments to AM2748)

- 1 1. On page 48, line 24, strike "164,701,204" and insert
- 2 "165,151,204"; and in line 29 strike "238,731,429" and insert
- 3 "239,181,429".
- 4 2. On page 49, line 5, strike "\$164,701,204" and insert
- 5 "\$165,151,204".
- 6 3. On page 50, line 11, after "FY2026-27" insert "\$450,000 General
- 7 Funds and".

The DeBoer amendment was adopted with 39 ayes, 0 nays, 7 present and not voting, and 3 excused and not voting.

Senator Hunt withdrew [AM2571](#), found on page 1009.

Senator Hunt offered the following amendment to the Clements amendment:

[FA1064](#)

To AM2748:

- 1) Strike Sec. 137
- 2) Renumber the remaining sections accordingly

The Hunt amendment lost with 8 ayes, 22 nays, 17 present and not voting, and 2 excused and not voting.

Senator Conrad offered the following amendment to the Clements amendment:

[AM2795](#)

(Amendments to AM2748)

- 1 1. On page 24, line 9, strike "424,689,148" and insert
- 2 "443,138,181"; in line 13 strike "2,049,703,920" and insert
- 3 "2,068,152,953"; and in line 20 strike the new matter and insert
- 4 "\$443,138,181".
- 5 2. On page 25, line 11, strike the new matter; and in line 12
- 6 reinstate the stricken matter.

The Conrad amendment lost with 16 ayes, 19 nays, 12 present and not voting, and 2 excused and not voting.

Senator Conrad offered the following amendment to the Clements amendment:

[AM2782](#)

(Amendments to AM2748)

- 1 1. Strike section 79 and insert the following new section:
- 2 Sec. 16. AGENCY NO. 25 — DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES
- 3 Program No. 424 - Developmental Disability Aid
- 4 GENERAL
- 5 FEDERAL FUND
- 6 PROGRAM
- 7 There is included in the appropriation to this program for FY2025-26
- 8 \$-0- General Funds and \$-0- Federal Funds estimate for state aid, which
- 9 shall only be used for such purpose. There is included in the
- 10 appropriation to this program for FY2026-27 \$180,101,322 General Funds
- 11 and \$219,147,895 Federal Funds estimate for state aid, which shall only
- 12 be used for such purpose.
- 13 2. Renumber the remaining sections and correct the repealer
- 14 accordingly.

SENATOR DEBOER PRESIDING

Speaker Arch offered the following motion:

[MO527](#)

Invoke cloture pursuant to Rule 7, Sec. 10.

Speaker Arch moved for a call of the house. The motion prevailed with 33 ayes, 0 nays, and 16 not voting.

Senator Arch requested a roll call vote on the motion to invoke cloture.

Voting in the affirmative, 19:

Arch	Brandt	DeKay	Meyer, F.	Raybould
Ballard	Clements	Dorn	Meyer, G.	Riepe
Bosn	Clouse	Hughes	Prokop	Wordekemper
Bostar	DeBoer	Juarez	Quick	

Voting in the negative, 10:

Andersen	Conrad	Hallstrom	Hunt	Sorrentino
Armendariz	Dover	Holdcroft	Moser	Storm

Present and not voting, 19:

Cavanaugh, J.	Hansen	Kauth	Murman	Storer
Cavanaugh, M.	Hardin	Lippincott	Rountree	Strommen
Fredrickson	Ibach	Lonowski	Sanders	von Gillern
Guereca	Jacobson	McKinney	Spivey	

Excused and not voting, 1:

Dungan

The Arch motion failed with 19 ayes, 10 nays, 19 present and not voting, and 1 excused and not voting.

The Chair declared the call raised.

COMMITTEE REPORT(S)
Nebraska Retirement Systems

LEGISLATIVE BILL 433. Placed on General File with amendment.

[AM2735](#)

1 1. Strike the original sections and insert the following new
2 sections:
3 Section 1. Section 84-1307, Revised Statutes Supplement, 2025, is
4 amended to read:
5 84-1307 (1) The membership of the retirement system shall be
6 composed of all persons who are or were employed by the State of Nebraska
7 and who maintain an account balance with the retirement system.
8 ~~(2)(a)(2)~~ The following employees of the State of Nebraska are
9 authorized to participate in the retirement system:
10 ~~(i)-(a)~~ All permanent full-time employees who have attained the age
11 of eighteen years shall begin participation in the retirement system upon
12 employment;
13 ~~(ii) All and (b) all~~ permanent part-time employees who have attained
14 the age of eighteen years may exercise the option to begin participation
15 in the retirement system within the first thirty days of employment
16 ~~except as provided in section 84-1322; and-~~
17 ~~(iii) All temporary employees who were prior contributing members of~~
18 ~~the retirement system and who are returning to service with the state~~
19 ~~prior to having a one-hundred-twenty-day break in service pursuant to~~
20 ~~subsection (5) of section 84-1322 shall begin participation in the~~
21 ~~retirement system within the first thirty days of employment as a~~
22 ~~temporary employee.~~
23 ~~(b)~~ An employee who exercises the option to begin participation in
24 the retirement system pursuant to this section shall remain in the
25 retirement system until his or her termination of employment or
26 retirement, regardless of any change of status as a permanent or
27 temporary employee.
1 (3) No employee shall be authorized to participate in the retirement
2 system provided for in the State Employees Retirement Act unless the
3 employee is a United States citizen or is lawfully present in the United
4 States. The employing state agency and the employee shall maintain at
5 least one of the following documents, which shall be unexpired if
6 applicable to the particular document or which has an expiration date
7 that has been extended by the United States Department of Homeland
8 Security or the United States Citizenship and Immigration Services so
9 that such document is still valid, to demonstrate United States
10 citizenship or lawful presence in the United States as of the employee's
11 date of hire and produce any such document so maintained upon request of
12 the retirement board or the Nebraska Public Employees Retirement Systems:
13 (a) A state-issued driver's license;
14 (b) A state-issued identification card;
15 (c) A state-issued motor vehicle learner's permit;
16 (d) A certified copy of a birth certificate or delayed birth
17 certificate issued in any state, territory, or possession of the United
18 States;
19 (e) A Consular Report of Birth Abroad issued by the United States
20 Department of State;
21 (f) A United States passport;
22 (g) A foreign passport with a United States visa;
23 (h) A United States Certificate of Naturalization;
24 (i) A United States Certificate of Citizenship;

25 (j) A tribal certificate of Native American blood or similar
26 document;

27 (k) A United States Citizenship and Immigration Services Employment
28 Authorization Document, Form I-766;

29 (l) A United States Citizenship and Immigration Services Permanent
30 Resident Card, Form I-551; or

31 (m) Any other document issued by the United States Department of
1 Homeland Security or the United States Citizenship and Immigration
2 Services granting employment authorization in the United States and
3 approved by the retirement board.

4 (4) For purposes of this section;

5 (a) ~~Permanent~~ permanent full-time employees includes employees of the
6 Legislature or Legislative Council who work one-half or more of the
7 regularly scheduled hours during each pay period of the legislative
8 session; ~~and~~

9 (b) ~~Permanent~~ permanent part-time employees includes employees of the
10 Legislature or Legislative Council who work less than one-half of the
11 regularly scheduled hours during each pay period of the legislative
12 session; ~~and~~.

13 (c) Temporary employees includes employees of the Legislature or
14 Legislative Council who are hired for (i) a limited period of time of
15 less than six months or six months or more and less than or equal to
16 twelve months or two thousand eighty hours or (ii) a grant-funded
17 position or a special project.

18 (5)(a) Within the first one hundred eighty days of employment, a
19 full-time employee may apply to the board for vesting credit for years of
20 participation in another Nebraska governmental plan, as defined by
21 section 414(d) of the Internal Revenue Code. During the years of
22 participation in the other Nebraska governmental plan, the employee must
23 have been a full-time employee, as defined in the Nebraska governmental
24 plan in which the credit was earned. The board may adopt and promulgate
25 rules and regulations governing the assessment and granting of vesting
26 credit.

27 (b) If the contributory retirement plan or contract let pursuant to
28 section 48-609, as such section existed prior to January 1, 2018, is
29 terminated, employees of the Department of Labor who are active
30 participants in such contributory retirement plan or contract on the date
31 of termination of such plan or contract shall be granted vesting credit
1 for their years of participation in such plan or contract.

2 (6) Any employee who qualifies for membership in the retirement
3 system pursuant to this section may not be disqualified for membership in
4 the retirement system solely because such employee also maintains
5 separate employment which qualifies the employee for membership in
6 another public retirement system, nor may membership in this retirement
7 system disqualify such an employee from membership in another public
8 retirement system solely by reason of separate employment which qualifies
9 such employee for membership in this retirement system.

10 (7) State agencies shall ensure that employees authorized to
11 participate in the retirement system pursuant to this section shall
12 enroll and make required contributions to the retirement system
13 immediately upon becoming an employee. Information necessary to determine
14 membership in the retirement system shall be provided by the employer.
15 Sec. 2. Original section 84-1307, Revised Statutes Supplement,
16 2025, is repealed.

(Signed) Beau Ballard, Chairperson

Health and Human Services

LEGISLATIVE BILL 773. Placed on General File with amendment.

[AM2035](#)

1 1. On page 2, lines 9 and 10, strike "Program services shall be
2 available to mothers up to and including, the sixtieth day of the
3 postpartum period.".

(Signed) Brian Hardin, Chairperson

MOTION(S) - Print in Journal

Senator J. Cavanaugh filed the following motions to [LB997](#):

[MO521](#)

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

[MO522](#)

Recommit to the Government, Military and Veterans Affairs Committee.

[MO523](#)

Bracket until April 17, 2026.

Senator Conrad filed the following motions to [LB935](#):

[MO524](#)

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

[MO525](#)

Bracket until April 17, 2026.

[MO526](#)

Recommit to the Judiciary Committee.

AMENDMENT(S) - Print in Journal

Senator Hughes filed the following amendment to [LB1219](#):

[AM2769](#)

(Amendments to FA999)

1 1. Strike the original amendment and insert the following new
2 amendment:
3 1. On page 2, after line 9 insert the following new subdivision:
4 "(b) Political subdivision does not include any Class I, Class II,
5 or III school district."; in line 10 strike "(b)" and insert "(c)"; and
6 in line 13 strike "(c)" and insert "(d)".

Senator Sorrentino filed the following amendment to [LB820](#):

[AM2736](#)

1 1. Strike original section 40 and insert the following new section:
2 Sec. 46. Section 84-1307, Revised Statutes Supplement, 2025, is
3 amended to read:
4 84-1307 (1) The membership of the retirement system shall be
5 composed of all persons who are or were employed by the State of Nebraska
6 and who maintain an account balance with the retirement system.

7 ~~(2)(a)(2)~~ The following employees of the State of Nebraska are
8 authorized to participate in the retirement system:

9 ~~(i)-(a)~~ All permanent full-time employees who have attained the age
10 of eighteen years shall begin participation in the retirement system upon
11 employment;

12 ~~(ii) All and (b)~~ all permanent part-time employees who have attained
13 the age of eighteen years may exercise the option to begin participation
14 in the retirement system within the first thirty days of employment
15 except as provided in section 84-1322; and-

16 ~~(iii) All temporary employees who were prior contributing members of~~
17 ~~the retirement system and who are returning to service with the state~~
18 ~~prior to having a one-hundred-twenty-day break in service pursuant to~~
19 ~~subsection (5) of section 84-1322 shall begin participation in the~~
20 ~~retirement system within the first thirty days of employment as a~~
21 ~~temporary employee.~~

22 ~~(b)~~ An employee who exercises the option to begin participation in
23 the retirement system pursuant to this section shall remain in the
24 retirement system until his or her termination of employment or
25 retirement, regardless of any change of status as a permanent or
26 temporary employee.

27 (3) No employee shall be authorized to participate in the retirement
1 system provided for in the State Employees Retirement Act unless the
2 employee is a United States citizen or is lawfully present in the United
3 States. The employing state agency and the employee shall:

4 ~~(a) Maintain at least one approved identification document as~~
5 ~~defined in section 4-108; and~~

6 ~~(b) Produce any such approved identification document so maintained~~
7 ~~upon request of the Public Employees Retirement Board or the Nebraska~~
8 ~~Public Employees Retirement Systems; maintain at least one of the~~
9 ~~following documents, which shall be unexpired if applicable to the~~
10 ~~particular document or which has an expiration date that has been~~
11 ~~extended by the United States Department of Homeland Security or the~~
12 ~~United States Citizenship and Immigration Services so that such document~~
13 ~~is still valid, to demonstrate United States citizenship or lawful~~
14 ~~presence in the United States as of the employee's date of hire and~~
15 ~~produce any such document so maintained upon request of the retirement~~
16 ~~board or the Nebraska Public Employees Retirement Systems:~~

17 ~~(a) A state-issued driver's license;~~

18 ~~(b) A state-issued identification card;~~

19 ~~(c) A state-issued motor vehicle learner's permit;~~

20 ~~(d) A certified copy of a birth certificate or delayed birth~~
21 ~~certificate issued in any state, territory, or possession of the United~~
22 ~~States;~~

23 ~~(e) A Consular Report of Birth Abroad issued by the United States~~
24 ~~Department of State;~~

25 ~~(f) A United States passport;~~

26 ~~(g) A foreign passport with a United States visa;~~

27 ~~(h) A United States Certificate of Naturalization;~~

28 ~~(i) A United States Certificate of Citizenship;~~

29 ~~(j) A tribal certificate of Native American blood or similar~~
30 ~~document;~~

31 ~~(k) A United States Citizenship and Immigration Services Employment~~
1 ~~Authorization Document, Form I-766;~~

2 ~~(l) A United States Citizenship and Immigration Services Permanent~~
3 ~~Resident Card, Form I-551; or~~

4 ~~(m) Any other document issued by the United States Department of~~
5 ~~Homeland Security or the United States Citizenship and Immigration~~
6 ~~Services granting employment authorization in the United States and~~
7 ~~approved by the retirement board.~~

8 (4) For purposes of this section,;

9 (a) ~~Permanent~~ permanent full-time employees includes employees of the
 10 Legislature or Legislative Council who work one-half or more of the
 11 regularly scheduled hours during each pay period of the legislative
 12 session; ~~and~~

13 (b) ~~Permanent~~ permanent part-time employees includes employees of the
 14 Legislature or Legislative Council who work less than one-half of the
 15 regularly scheduled hours during each pay period of the legislative
 16 session; ~~and~~.

17 (c) Temporary employees includes employees of the Legislature or
 18 Legislative Council who are hired for (i) a limited period of time of
 19 less than six months or six months or more and less than or equal to
 20 twelve months or two thousand eighty hours or (ii) a grant-funded
 21 position or a special project.

22 (5)(a) Within the first one hundred eighty days of employment, a
 23 full-time employee may apply to the board for vesting credit for years of
 24 participation in another Nebraska governmental plan, as defined by
 25 section 414(d) of the Internal Revenue Code. During the years of
 26 participation in the other Nebraska governmental plan, the employee must
 27 have been a full-time employee, as defined in the Nebraska governmental
 28 plan in which the credit was earned. The board may adopt and promulgate
 29 rules and regulations governing the assessment and granting of vesting
 30 credit.

31 (b) If the contributory retirement plan or contract let pursuant to
 1 section 48-609, as such section existed prior to January 1, 2018, is
 2 terminated, employees of the Department of Labor who are active
 3 participants in such contributory retirement plan or contract on the date
 4 of termination of such plan or contract shall be granted vesting credit
 5 for their years of participation in such plan or contract.

6 (6) Any employee who qualifies for membership in the retirement
 7 system pursuant to this section may not be disqualified for membership in
 8 the retirement system solely because such employee also maintains
 9 separate employment which qualifies the employee for membership in
 10 another public retirement system, nor may membership in this retirement
 11 system disqualify such an employee from membership in another public
 12 retirement system solely by reason of separate employment which qualifies
 13 such employee for membership in this retirement system.

14 (7) State agencies shall ensure that employees authorized to
 15 participate in the retirement system pursuant to this section shall
 16 enroll and make required contributions to the retirement system
 17 immediately upon becoming an employee. Information necessary to determine
 18 membership in the retirement system shall be provided by the employer.

Senator Conrad filed the following amendments to LB935:

[FA1069](#)

Strike Section 1.

[FA1070](#)

Strike Section 2.

[FA1071](#)

Strike Section 3.

[FA1072](#)

Strike Section 4.

Senator M. Cavanaugh filed the following amendment to LB1219:

[AM2768](#)

(Amendments to FA999)

- 1 1. Strike the original amendment and insert the following new
- 2 amendment:
- 3 1. On page 2, after line 9 insert the following new subdivision:
- 4 "(b) Political subdivision does not include any Class V school
- 5 district"; in line 10 strike "(b)" and insert "(c)"; and in line 13
- 6 strike "(c)" and insert "(d)".

RESOLUTION(S)

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 378. Introduced by Arch, 14.

WHEREAS, in 1913 a house was designed and built at 3316 Center Street in Omaha for David P. Abbott and his wife, Fannie; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Abbott was an inventor and magician and the home located in the historic Field Club neighborhood served as his laboratory and theater; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Abbott is the father of many classical tricks and illusions such as the floating ball, the talking tea kettle, and spirit paintings; and

WHEREAS, the Abbotts entertained guests in the parlor of the house, known as the House of Mystery, putting on magic shows that lasted late into the evening; and

WHEREAS, other renowned magicians of the time were guests of the House of Mystery, including Harry Houdini, Harry Kellar, and Howard Thurston; and

WHEREAS, in September 2024, Teller, of the famous illusionary duo Penn and Teller, purchased and donated the house to the non-profit Omaha Magical Society, with the agreement that the House of Mystery would be restored to a theater of the impossible and a place to gather for magicians and fans of the illusionary arts; and

WHEREAS, the Omaha Magical Society, with the help and generosity of local donors and volunteers, is working to bring the house back to its 1920s splendor; and

WHEREAS, the Abbott House of Mystery was featured in the January 2025 edition of Omaha Magazine and a June 2025 Nebraska Public Media article and was the subject of a monthly public service announcement on Fox 42; and

WHEREAS, in addition to the preservation of the Abbott house, the Omaha Magical Society's preservation initiative included assembling twelve hundred volumes into a magic research library housed at the University of Nebraska-Omaha; and

WHEREAS, the Omaha Magical Society hosts monthly magic classes at the House of Mystery, including a class specifically for junior magicians; and

WHEREAS, the Omaha Magical Society, established in 1921, will maintain the Abbott House of Mystery for the purpose of "enjoying magic...with others...for others".

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

1. That the Legislature commends the Omaha Magical Society for its preservation of a unique part of Nebraska's history and for keeping the magic alive.
2. That a copy of this resolution be sent to the Omaha Magical Society.

Laid over.

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 379. Introduced by Storer, 43; Andersen, 49; Arch, 14; Armendariz, 18; Ballard, 21; Bosn, 25; Bostar, 29; Brandt, 32; Cavanaugh, J., 9; Cavanaugh, M., 6; Clements, 2; Clouse, 37; Conrad, 46; DeBoer, 10; DeKay, 40; Dorn, 30; Dover, 19; Fredrickson, 20; Guereca, 7; Hallstrom, 1; Hardin, 48; Holdcroft, 36; Hughes, 24; Hunt, 8; Ibach, 44; Jacobson, 42; Juarez, 5; Kauth, 31; Lonowski, 33; McKinney, 11; Meyer, F., 41; Meyer, G., 17; Moser, 22; Murman, 38; Prokop, 27; Quick, 35; Raybould, 28; Riepe, 12; Rountree, 3; Sanders, 45; Sorrentino, 39; Spivey, 13; Storm, 23; Strommen, 47; von Gillern, 4; Wordekemper, 15.

WHEREAS, Bonita (Adams) Williams will be turning one hundred years old on March 31, 2026; and

WHEREAS, Bonita grew up on farms in Sherman and Custer counties in Nebraska near Arcadia and Broken Bow, and taught at rural schools and Arcadia Public School; and

WHEREAS, Bonita married Seth Williams and they eventually settled near Basset, Nebraska, where they established a dairy farm; and

WHEREAS, Bonita currently resides at Rock County Long Term Care where she enjoys daily games of cribbage; and

WHEREAS, Bonita remains a teacher at heart, sharing her love of cribbage with the next generation by instructing fifth and sixth grade students from Rock County Public School in the game alongside fellow residents of Rock County Long Term Care; and

WHEREAS, Bonita is well known for baking excellent cinnamon rolls, her love of cribbage, and her dedication as a mother of four.

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

1. That the Legislature congratulates Bonita Williams on turning one hundred years old.
2. That a copy of this resolution be sent to Bonita Williams.

Laid over.

SELECT FILE

LEGISLATIVE BILL 1072. [ER146](#), found on page 1083, was offered.

ER146 was adopted.

Senator Clements offered [AM2649](#), found on page 1124.

Pending.

AMENDMENT(S) - Print in Journal

Senator Armendariz filed the following amendments to [LB1071](#):

[FA1060](#)

To AM2748, on page 1, Sec. 3, strike the comma on line 16.

[FA1061](#)

To AM2748, on page 2, strike the comma on line 1.

[FA1062](#)

To AM2748, on page 1, strike the first comma on line 11.

[FA1065](#)

To AM2748, on page 1, line 5 strike the comma.

[FA1066](#)

To AM2748, on page 12, line 11 strike the comma.

[FA1067](#)

To AM2748, on page 9, line 12 strike the comma.

[AM2773](#)

(Amendments to AM2748)

- 1 1. On page 44, line 10, strike "15,258,959" and insert "12,101,789";
- 2 in line 14 strike "322,846,338" and insert "319,689,168"; and in line 21
- 3 strike "15,258,959" and insert "12,101,789".
- 4 2. On page 45, line 4, strike "\$10,708,959" and insert "\$7,551,789".

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

[FA1073](#)

On page 2, line 6, strike the comma after "arrest".

SELECT FILE

LEGISLATIVE BILL 1072. Senator Clements renewed [AM2649](#), found on page 1124 and considered in this day's Journal.

Senator Raybould offered the following amendment to the Clements amendment:

[AM2810](#)

(Amendments to AM2649)

- 1 1. Strike sections 107, 108, 112, and 179 and insert the following
- 2 new section:
- 3 Sec. 107. The State Treasurer shall transfer \$44,500,000 from the
- 4 Perkins County Canal Project Fund to the Education Future Fund on or
- 5 after July 1, 2026, but before June 30, 2027, on such dates and in such
- 6 amounts as directed by the budget administrator of the budget division of
- 7 the Department of Administrative Services.

- 8 2. On page 71, line 24, after "Fund" insert ", the Education Future
9 Fund".
- 10 3. On page 172, lines 26 and 27, strike "85-2235, and 90-248," and
11 insert "and 85-2235,".
- 12 4. Renumber the remaining sections accordingly.
- 13 5. Correct the operative date and repealer sections so that the
14 section added by this amendment becomes operative on its effective date
15 with the emergency clause.

SPEAKER ARCH PRESIDING

Senator Raybould moved for a call of the house. The motion prevailed with 18 ayes, 0 nays, and 31 not voting.

The Raybould amendment lost with 11 ayes, 33 nays, 4 present and not voting, and 1 excused and not voting.

The Chair declared the call raised.

Senator Clements offered the following amendment to his amendment:

[FA1077](#)

To AM2649, on page 14, line 13, strike "\$250,000" and insert "\$75,000"

The Clements amendment was adopted with 33 ayes, 0 nays, 15 present and not voting, and 1 excused and not voting.

Senator Ballard offered the following amendment to the Clements amendment:

[AM2792](#)

(Amendments to AM2649)

- 1 1. On page 18, line 1, strike "\$800,000" and insert "\$438,000".

The Ballard amendment was adopted with 39 ayes, 0 nays, 9 present and not voting, and 1 excused and not voting.

Senator M. Cavanaugh offered [FA1059](#), found on page 1125, to the Clements amendment.

The M. Cavanaugh amendment was withdrawn.

Senator Raybould offered the following amendment to the Clements amendment:

[AM2785](#)

(Amendments to AM2649)

- 1 1. Strike section 88.
2 2. Renumber the remaining sections and correct internal references
3 accordingly.

The Raybould amendment lost with 13 ayes, 25 nays, 9 present and not voting, and 2 excused and not voting.

Pending.

COMMITTEE REPORT(S)
Education

LEGISLATIVE BILL 841. Placed on General File.

(Signed) Dave Murman, Chairperson

Enrollment and Review

LEGISLATIVE BILL 727. Placed on Final Reading with the attached statement.

[ST71](#)

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

1. On page 1, line 3, "and nasal epinephrine" has been inserted after "autoinjectors".

LEGISLATIVE BILL 835. Placed on Final Reading.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 1181. Placed on Final Reading with the attached statement.

[ST68](#)

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

1. On page 21, line 26, "section" has been inserted after "and".

LEGISLATIVE BILL 1240. Placed on Final Reading.

(Signed) Dunixi Guereca, Chairperson

AMENDMENT(S) - Print in Journal

Senator J. Cavanaugh filed the following amendments to [LB933](#):

[FA1074](#)

To AM2602, on page 1, line 3 after "recommendation", insert "for medical cannabis".

[FA1075](#)

To FA592, strike the contents and insert "Strike section 1"

[FA1076](#)

To FA1073, strike the contents and insert "Strike section 2".

EASE

The Legislature was at ease from 5:37 p.m. until 6:21 p.m.

PRESIDENT KELLY PRESIDING

LEGISLATIVE BILL 1072. Senator Clements renewed [AM2649](#), found on page 1124 and considered in this day's Journal.

Senator Lonowski offered the following amendment to the Clements amendment:

[AM2788](#)

(Amendments to AM2649)

1 1. Insert the following new sections:

2 Sec. 184. Section 81-183, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is

3 amended to read:

4 81-183 (1) Any federal facility which is under the control of the

5 Military Department and for which state financial support is required

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

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

8 Allocation Fund.

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

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

11 receive funds for renewal and maintenance under the Deferred Building

12 Renewal Act sections 81-173 to 81-190.

13 Sec. 185. Section 81-186, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is

14 amended to read:

15 81-186 The Committee on Building Maintenance shall meet as

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

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

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

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

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

21 81-1108.22. The committee shall study progress and propose any necessary

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

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

24 maintenance.

25 2. Renumber the remaining sections accordingly.

26 3. Correct the operative date and repealer sections so that the

1 sections added by this amendment become operative on July 1, 2026.

The Lonowski amendment was withdrawn.

Senator M. Cavanaugh withdrew the following amendments:

[FA1044](#), found on page 1030.

[FA1046](#), found on page 1018.

[FA1051](#), found on page 1034.

Senator Kauth withdrew [FA731](#), found on page 367.

Senator M. Cavanaugh offered the following amendment to the Clements amendment:

[FA1078](#)

To AM2649, on page 141, line 25 after the first "and" insert "not more than \$400,000 for"

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

Senator Raybould offered the following amendment to the Clements amendment:

[AM2816](#)

(Amendments to AM2649)

1 1. Strike sections 105, 106, and 126.

2 2. Renumber the remaining sections and correct the operative date
3 and repealer sections accordingly.

The Raybould amendment lost with 9 ayes, 22 nays, 15 present and not voting, and 3 excused and not voting.

Senator Raybould offered the following amendment to the Clements amendment:

[AM2814](#)

(Amendments to AM2649)

1 1. Strike sections 72 and 157.
2 2. Renumber the remaining sections and correct the operative date
3 and repealer sections accordingly.

The Raybould amendment was withdrawn.

Senator Raybould offered the following amendment to the Clements amendment:

[AM2824](#)

(Amendments to AM2649)

1 1. Strike sections 112 and 179.
2 2. Renumber the remaining sections and correct the operative date
3 and repealer sections accordingly.

The Raybould amendment lost with 11 ayes, 17 nays, 18 present and not voting, and 3 excused and not voting.

Senator M. Cavanaugh offered the following amendment to the Clements amendment:

[FA1079](#)

To AM2649, on page 13, line 31, strike "July 1, 2026" and insert "June 1, 2027"

The M. Cavanaugh amendment was adopted with 35 ayes, 1 nay, 10 present and not voting, and 3 excused and not voting.

Senator Hansen offered the following amendment to the Clements amendment:

[AM2835](#)

(Amendments to AM2649)

1 1. Strike sections 156 and 158 and insert the following new
2 sections:
3 Sec. 156. Section 68-1206, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement,
4 2024, is amended to read:
5 68-1206 (1) The Department of Health and Human Services shall
6 administer the program of social services in this state. The department
7 may contract with other social agencies for the purchase of social
8 services at rates not to exceed those prevailing in the state or the cost
9 at which the department could provide those services. The statutory
10 maximum payments for the separate program of aid to dependent children
11 shall apply only to public assistance grants and shall not apply to
12 payments for social services.
13 (2)(a) As part of the provision of social services authorized by
14 section 68-1202, the department shall participate in the federal child
15 care assistance program under 42 U.S.C. 9857 et seq., as such sections

16 existed on January 1, ~~2026~~2023, and provide child care assistance to
17 families with incomes up to (i) one hundred eighty-five percent of the
18 federal poverty level prior to October 1, ~~2028~~2026, or (ii) one hundred
19 thirty percent of the federal poverty level on and after October 1,
20 ~~2028~~2026.

21 (b)(i) As part of the provision of social services authorized by
22 this section and section 68-1202, the department shall participate in the
23 federal Child Care Subsidy program. A child care provider seeking to
24 participate in the federal Child Care Subsidy program shall comply with
25 the criminal history record information check requirements of the Child
26 Care Licensing Act. In determining ongoing eligibility for this program,
1 ten percent of a household's gross earned income shall be disregarded
2 after twelve continuous months on the program and at each subsequent
3 redetermination. In determining ongoing eligibility, if a family's income
4 exceeds one hundred eighty-five percent of the federal poverty level
5 prior to October 1, ~~2028~~2026, or one hundred thirty percent of the
6 federal poverty level on and after October 1, ~~2028~~2026, the family shall
7 receive transitional child care assistance through the remainder of the
8 family's eligibility period or until the family's income exceeds eighty-
9 five percent of the state median income for a family of the same size as
10 reported by the United States Bureau of the Census, whichever occurs
11 first. When the family's eligibility period ends, the family shall
12 continue to be eligible for transitional child care assistance if the
13 family's income is below two hundred percent of the federal poverty level
14 prior to October 1, ~~2028~~2026, or one hundred eighty-five percent of the
15 federal poverty level on and after October 1, ~~2028~~2026. The family shall
16 receive transitional child care assistance through the remainder of the
17 transitional eligibility period or until the family's income exceeds
18 eighty-five percent of the state median income for a family of the same
19 size as reported by the United States Bureau of the Census, whichever
20 occurs first. The amount of such child care assistance shall be based on
21 a cost-shared plan between the recipient family and the state and shall
22 be based on a sliding-scale methodology. A recipient family may be
23 required to contribute a percentage of such family's gross income for
24 child care that is no more than the cost-sharing rates in the
25 transitional child care assistance program as of January 1, 2015, for
26 those no longer eligible for cash assistance as provided in section
27 68-1724.

28 (ii) A licensed child care program that employs a member of an
29 eligible household shall make reasonable accommodations so that the
30 eligible applicant or adult household member is not a primary caregiver
31 to such applicant's or adult household member's child. If reasonable
1 accommodation cannot be made, the department shall allow the applicant or
2 adult household member to receive child care assistance for the
3 applicant's or adult household member's child including when the
4 applicant or adult household member is the primary caregiver for such
5 child.

6 (iii) A licensed child care provider eligible for the child care
7 subsidy may enroll the household member's child in a child care program
8 other than the household member's child care program to receive child
9 care assistance.

10 (iv) Subdivisions (2)(b)(ii) and (2)(b)(iii) of this section shall
11 become operative on July 1, 2025. The department shall promulgate rules
12 and regulations consistent with these subdivisions.

13 (c) For the period beginning July 1, 2021, through September 30,
14 ~~2028~~2026, funds provided to the State of Nebraska pursuant to the Child
15 Care and Development Block Grant Act of 1990, 42 U.S.C. 9857 et seq., as
16 such act and sections existed on January 1, ~~2026~~2023, shall be used to
17 pay the costs to the state resulting from the income eligibility changes
18 made in subdivisions (2)(a) and (b) of this section by Laws 2021, LB485.

19 If the available amount of such funds is insufficient to pay such costs,
20 then funds provided to the state for the Temporary Assistance for Needy
21 Families program established in 42 U.S.C. 601 et seq. may also be used.
22 No General Funds shall be used to pay the costs to the state, other than
23 administration costs, resulting from the income eligibility changes made
24 in subdivisions (2)(a) and (b) of this section by Laws 2021, LB485, for
25 the period beginning July 1, 2021, through September 30, ~~2028~~2026.
26 (d) The Department of Health and Human Services shall collaborate
27 with a private nonprofit organization with expertise in early childhood
28 care and education for an independent evaluation of the income
29 eligibility changes made in subdivisions (2)(a) and (b) of this section
30 by Laws 2021, LB485, if private funding is made available for such
31 purpose. The evaluation shall be completed by July 1, 2024, and shall be
1 submitted electronically to the department and to the Health and Human
2 Services Committee of the Legislature.

3 (3) In determining the rate or rates to be paid by the department
4 for child care as defined in section 43-2605, the department shall adopt
5 a fixed-rate schedule for the state or a fixed-rate schedule for an area
6 of the state applicable to each child care program category of provider
7 as defined in section 71-1910 which may claim reimbursement for services
8 provided by the federal Child Care Subsidy program, except that the
9 department shall not pay a rate higher than that charged by an individual
10 provider to that provider's private clients. The schedule may provide
11 separate rates for care for infants, for children with special needs,
12 including disabilities or technological dependence, or for other
13 individual categories of children. The schedule may also provide tiered
14 rates based upon a quality scale rating of step three or higher under the
15 Step Up to Quality Child Care Act. The schedule shall be effective on
16 October 1 of every year and shall be revised annually by the department.
17 Sec. 158. Section 68-1724, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement,
18 2024, is amended to read:

19 68-1724 (1) Cash assistance shall be provided for a period or
20 periods of time not to exceed a total of sixty months for recipient
21 families with children subject to the following:

22 (a) If the state fails to meet the specific terms of the self-
23 sufficiency contract developed under section 68-1719, the sixty-month
24 time limit established in this section shall be extended;

25 (b) The sixty-month time period for cash assistance shall begin
26 within the first month of eligibility;

27 (c) When no longer eligible to receive cash assistance, assistance
28 shall be available to reimburse work-related child care expenses even if
29 the recipient family has not achieved economic self-sufficiency. The
30 amount of such assistance shall be based on a cost-shared plan between
31 the recipient family and the state which shall provide assistance up to
1 two hundred percent of the federal poverty level prior to October 1,
2 ~~2028~~2026, or one hundred eighty-five percent of the federal poverty level
3 on and after October 1, ~~2028~~2026. A recipient family may be required to
4 contribute up to twenty percent of such family's gross income for child
5 care. It is the intent of the Legislature that transitional health care
6 coverage be made available on a sliding-scale basis to individuals and
7 families with incomes up to one hundred eighty-five percent of the
8 federal poverty level if other health care coverage is not available; and
9 (d) The self-sufficiency contract shall be revised and cash
10 assistance extended when there is no job available for adult members of
11 the recipient family. It is the intent of the Legislature that available
12 job shall mean a job which results in an income of at least equal to the
13 amount of cash assistance that would have been available if receiving
14 assistance minus unearned income available to the recipient family.
15 The department shall develop policy guidelines to allow for cash
16 assistance to persons who have received the maximum cash assistance

17 provided by this section and who face extreme hardship without additional
 18 assistance. For purposes of this section, extreme hardship means a
 19 recipient family does not have adequate cash resources to meet the costs
 20 of the basic needs of food, clothing, and housing without continuing
 21 assistance or the child or children are at risk of losing care by and
 22 residence with their parent or parents.

23 (2) Cash assistance conditions under the Welfare Reform Act shall be
 24 as follows:

25 (a) Adults in recipient families shall mean individuals at least
 26 nineteen years of age living with and related to a child eighteen years
 27 of age or younger and shall include parents, siblings, uncles, aunts,
 28 cousins, or grandparents, whether the relationship is biological,
 29 adoptive, or step;

30 (b) The payment standard shall be based upon family size;

31 (c) The adults in the recipient family shall ensure that the minor
 1 children regularly attend school. Education is a valuable personal
 2 resource. The cash assistance provided to the recipient family may be
 3 reduced when the parent or parents have failed to take reasonable action
 4 to encourage the minor children of the recipient family ages sixteen and
 5 under to regularly attend school. No reduction of assistance shall be
 6 such as may result in extreme hardship. It is the intent of the
 7 Legislature that a process be developed to insure communication between
 8 the case manager, the parent or parents, and the school to address issues
 9 relating to school attendance;

10 (d) Two-parent families which would otherwise be eligible under
 11 section 43-504 or a federally approved waiver shall receive cash
 12 assistance under this section;

13 (e) For minor parents, the assistance payment shall be based on the
 14 minor parent's income. If the minor parent lives with at least one
 15 parent, the family's income shall be considered in determining
 16 eligibility and cash assistance payment levels for the minor parent. If
 17 the minor parent lives independently, support shall be pursued from the
 18 parents of the minor parent. If the absent parent of the minor's child is
 19 a minor, support from his or her parents shall be pursued. Support from
 20 parents as allowed under this subdivision shall not be pursued when the
 21 family income is less than three hundred percent of the federal poverty
 22 guidelines; and

23 (f) For adults who are not biological or adoptive parents or
 24 stepparents of the child or children in the family, if assistance is
 25 requested for the entire family, including the adults, a self-sufficiency
 26 contract shall be entered into as provided in section 68-1719. If
 27 assistance is requested for only the child or children in such a family,
 28 such children shall be eligible after consideration of the family's
 29 income and if (i) the family cooperates in pursuing child support and
 30 (ii) the minor children of the family regularly attend school.

The Hansen amendment was withdrawn.

Senator Raybould offered the following amendment to the Clements
 amendment:

[AM2841](#)

(Amendments to AM2649)

1 1. Strike section 205 and insert the following new section:
 2 Sec. 205. Section 81-15,174, Revised Statutes Supplement, 2025, is
 3 amended to read:
 4 81-15,174 The Nebraska Environmental Trust Fund is created. The fund
 5 shall be maintained in the state accounting system as a cash fund. Except
 6 as otherwise provided in this section, the fund shall be used to carry
 7 out the purposes of the Nebraska Environmental Trust Act, including the

8 payment of administrative costs. Money in the fund shall include proceeds
 9 credited pursuant to section 9-812 and proceeds designated by the board
 10 pursuant to section 81-15,173. ~~Prior to July 1, 2027, transfers~~
 11 may be made from the Nebraska Environmental Trust Fund to the Nebraska
 12 Soil and Water Conservation Fund, the Water Recreation Enhancement Fund,
 13 the Water Resources Cash Fund, or the Water Sustainability Fund at the
 14 direction of the Legislature, and any money so transferred shall be
 15 expended in accordance with section 81-15,168. Beginning July 1, 2027,
 16 money shall not be transferred from the Nebraska Environmental Trust
 17 Fund. Any money in the 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. Beginning October 1,
 20 2024, any investment earnings from investment of money in the fund shall
 21 be credited to the General Fund.

The Raybould amendment lost with 10 ayes, 24 nays, 12 present and not voting, and 3 excused and not voting.

Speaker Arch offered the following motion:

[MO528](#)

Invoke cloture pursuant to Rule 7, Sec. 10.

Speaker Arch moved for a call of the house. The motion prevailed with 40 ayes, 0 nays, and 9 not voting.

Speaker Arch requested a roll call vote on the motion to invoke cloture.

Voting in the affirmative, 35:

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

Voting in the negative, 12:

Armendariz	Conrad	Hunt	Quick
Cavanaugh, J.	Fredrickson	Juarez	Raybould
Cavanaugh, M.	Guereca	McKinney	Rountree

Excused and not voting, 2:

Dungan Spivey

The Arch motion prevailed with 35 ayes, 12 nays, and 2 excused and not voting.

The Clements amendment, as amended, was adopted with 35 ayes, 8 nays, 4 present and not voting, and 2 excused and not voting.

Senator M. Cavanaugh requested a machine vote on the advancement of the bill.

Advanced to Enrollment and Review for Engrossment with 35 ayes, 12 nays, and 2 excused and not voting.

The Chair declared the call raised.

AMENDMENT(S) - Print in Journal

Senator Ibach filed the following amendment to LB921:

[AM2786](#)

(Amendments to Standing Committee amendments, AM2420)

1 1. On page 1, lines 9 and 15; and page 2, line 2, strike "twenty-
2 five" and insert "one hundred".

Senator Dover filed the following amendment to LB1135:

[AM2821](#)

(Amendments to Standing Committee amendments, AM2460)

1 1. Insert the following new section:

2 Sec. 14. Section 18-3404, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is
3 amended to read:

4 18-3404 (1) A single municipality may create a land bank ~~if the~~
5 ~~municipality is a city of the metropolitan class or city of the primary~~
6 ~~class. Such municipality shall create the land bank by the adoption of an~~
7 ordinance which specifies the following:

8 (a) The name of the land bank;

9 (b) The initial individuals to serve as members of the board and the
10 length of terms for which they are to serve; and

11 (c) The qualifications and terms of office of members of the board.

12 (2) Two or more municipalities may elect to enter into an agreement
13 pursuant to the Interlocal Cooperation Act to create a single land bank
14 to act on behalf of such municipalities, which agreement shall contain
15 the information required by subsection (1) of this section.

16 (3) A municipality may elect to join an existing land bank by
17 entering into an agreement pursuant to the Interlocal Cooperation Act
18 with a ~~municipality~~ ~~city of the metropolitan class or city of the primary~~
19 ~~class~~ that has created a land bank pursuant to subsection (1) of this
20 section or by joining an existing agreement pursuant to the Interlocal
21 Cooperation Act with the municipalities that formed a land bank pursuant
22 to subsection (2) of this section. Agreements entered into or joined
23 under this subsection shall contain the information required by
24 subsection (1) of this section.

25 (4) Each land bank created pursuant to the Nebraska Municipal Land
26 Bank Act shall be deemed to be a public corporation acting in a
1 governmental capacity and a political subdivision of the state and shall
2 have permanent and perpetual duration until terminated and dissolved in
3 accordance with section 18-3414.

4 (5) The primary goal of any land bank shall be to facilitate the
5 return of vacant, abandoned, and tax-delinquent properties to productive
6 use.

7 2. On page 24, line 24, strike "of the city", show as stricken, and
8 insert "or village clerk of the municipality".

9 3. On page 31, after line 3 insert the following new subsection:

10 "(7)(a) For any real property of a land bank that is intended for

11 residential development, the land bank shall advertise the availability
 12 of such property for sale for ninety days after acquiring the property or
 13 until an offer to buy the property is accepted, whichever is earlier.
 14 (b) Any conveyance of real property made as a result of the
 15 advertisement described in subdivision (7)(a) of this section may include
 16 a contractual provision allowing the land bank to reacquire the property
 17 at the original purchase price, exercise a right of reentry, or otherwise
 18 reacquire the property under terms established by the contract if
 19 construction has not commenced within a specific timeframe provided in
 20 the contract.
 21 (c) This subsection shall not apply to any land bank created by a
 22 city of the metropolitan class or city of the primary class."
 23 4. Renumber the remaining sections accordingly.
 24 5. Correct the operative date and repealer sections so that the
 25 section added by this amendment becomes operative three calendar months
 26 after the adjournment of this legislative session.

Senator Raybould filed the following amendment to [LB1072](#):
[AM2825](#)

(Amendments to AM2649)

- 1 1. Strike sections 113 and 212.
- 2 2. Renumber the remaining sections and correct the operative date
- 3 and repealer sections accordingly.

SELECT FILE

LEGISLATIVE BILL 1133. [ER142](#), found on page 1084, was offered.

ER142 was adopted.

Senator Kauth withdrew [FA793](#), found on page 411.

Advanced to Enrollment and Review for Engrossment.

UNANIMOUS CONSENT - Add Cointroducer(s)

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

Senator Storm name added to LB1187.
 Senator Ibach name added to LB1187.
 Senator Holdcroft name added to LB1187.
 Senator F. Meyer name added to LB1187.
 Senator Kauth name added to LB1187.

VISITOR(S)

Visitors to the Chamber were students from Catholic Home School, Elkhorn, LaVon Clouse, Kearney.

The Doctor of the Day was Dr. Dave Hoelting, Pender.

ADJOURNMENT

At 8:09 p.m., on a motion by Senator Sanders, the Legislature adjourned until 9:00 a.m., Friday, March 20, 2026.

Brandon Metzler
Clerk of the Legislature

