

**FIFTH DAY - JANUARY 13, 2026****LEGISLATIVE JOURNAL****ONE HUNDRED NINTH LEGISLATURE  
SECOND SESSION****FIFTH DAY**

Legislative Chamber, Lincoln, Nebraska  
Tuesday, January 13, 2026

**PRAYER**

The prayer was offered by Father Isaac Wahlmeier, North American Martyrs Catholic Church, Lincoln.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

The Pledge of Allegiance was offered by Senator Raybould.

**ROLL CALL**

Pursuant to adjournment, the Legislature met at 10:00 a.m., President Kelly presiding.

The roll was called and all members were present except Senator Bostar who was excused until he arrives.

**CORRECTIONS FOR THE JOURNAL**

The Journal for the fourth day was approved.

**REFERENCE COMMITTEE REPORT**

The Legislative Council Executive Board submits the following report:

<b>LB/LR</b>	<b>Committee</b>
LB909	Judiciary
LB910	Judiciary
LB911	Health and Human Services
LB912	Health and Human Services
LB913	Health and Human Services
LB914	Judiciary
LB915	Urban Affairs
LB916	Natural Resources
LB917	Executive Board

LB918	Revenue
LB919	Government, Military and Veterans Affairs
LB920	Revenue
LB921	Business and Labor
LB922	Transportation and Telecommunications
LB923	Government, Military and Veterans Affairs
LB924	Education
LB925	Judiciary
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LB940	Education
LB941	Business and Labor
LB942	Health and Human Services
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LB944	Health and Human Services
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LB946	Appropriations
LB947	Agriculture
LB948	Agriculture
LB949	Health and Human Services
LB950	Banking, Commerce and Insurance
LB951	Government, Military and Veterans Affairs
LB952	Judiciary
LR296	Health and Human Services

(Signed) Ben Hansen, Chairperson  
Executive Board

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

Senator Raybould filed the following motion to LB791:

MO352

Withdraw LB791.

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

Senator Kauth filed the following amendment to LB953:

FA609

Strike the enacting clause.

Senator Kauth filed the following amendment to LB954:

FA610

Strike the enacting clause.

Senator Kauth filed the following amendment to LB955:

FA611

Strike the enacting clause.

Senator Kauth filed the following amendment to LB956:

FA612

Strike the enacting clause.

Senator Kauth filed the following amendment to LB957:

FA613

Strike the enacting clause.

Senator Kauth filed the following amendment to LB958:

FA614

Strike the enacting clause.

Senator Kauth filed the following amendment to LB959:

FA615

Strike the enacting clause.

Senator Kauth filed the following amendment to LB960:

FA616

Strike the enacting clause.

Senator Kauth filed the following amendment to LB961:

FA617

Strike the enacting clause.

Senator Kauth filed the following amendment to LB962:

FA618

Strike the enacting clause.

Senator Kauth filed the following amendment to LB963:

FA619

Strike the enacting clause.

Senator Kauth filed the following amendment to LB964:

FA620

Strike the enacting clause.

Senator Kauth filed the following amendment to LB965:

FA621

Strike the enacting clause.

Senator Kauth filed the following amendment to LB966:

FA622

Strike the enacting clause.

Senator Kauth filed the following amendment to LB967:

FA623

Strike the enacting clause.

Senator Kauth filed the following amendment to LB968:

FA624

Strike the enacting clause.

Senator Kauth filed the following amendment to LB969:

FA625

Strike the enacting clause.

Senator Kauth filed the following amendment to LB970:

FA626

Strike the enacting clause.

Senator Kauth filed the following amendment to LB971:

FA627

Strike the enacting clause.

Senator Kauth filed the following amendment to LB972:

FA628

Strike the enacting clause.

Senator Kauth filed the following amendment to LB973:

FA629

Strike the enacting clause.

Senator Kauth filed the following amendment to LB974:

FA630

Strike the enacting clause.

Senator Kauth filed the following amendment to LB975:

FA631

Strike the enacting clause.

Senator Kauth filed the following amendment to LB976:

FA632

Strike the enacting clause.

Senator Kauth filed the following amendment to LB977:

FA633

Strike the enacting clause.

Senator Kauth filed the following amendment to LB978:

FA634

Strike the enacting clause.

Senator Kauth filed the following amendment to LB979:

FA635

Strike the enacting clause.

Senator Kauth filed the following amendment to LB980:

FA636

Strike the enacting clause.

Senator Kauth filed the following amendment to LB981:

FA637

Strike the enacting clause.

Senator Kauth filed the following amendment to LB982:

FA638

Strike the enacting clause.

Senator Kauth filed the following amendment to LB983:

FA639

Strike the enacting clause.

Senator Kauth filed the following amendment to LB984:

FA640

Strike the enacting clause.

Senator Kauth filed the following amendment to LB985:

FA641

Strike the enacting clause.

Senator Kauth filed the following amendment to LB986:

FA642

Strike the enacting clause.

Senator Kauth filed the following amendment to LB987:

FA643

Strike the enacting clause.

Senator Kauth filed the following amendment to LB988:

FA644

Strike the enacting clause.

**NOTICE OF COMMITTEE HEARING(S)**

Urban Affairs

Room 1200 1:30 PM

Tuesday, January 20, 2026

LB726

LB798

LB800

Note: This will be a combined hearing with LB801

LB801

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(Signed) Terrell McKinney, Chairperson

Transportation and Telecommunications  
Room 1510 1:30 PM

Tuesday, January 20, 2026

Matthew B O'Daniel - Nebraska Motor Vehicle Industry Licensing Board

Chad J Tessman - Nebraska Motor Vehicle Industry Licensing Board

LB738

LB769

LB771

(Signed) Mike Moser, Chairperson

Agriculture  
Room 1023 1:30 PM

Tuesday, January 20, 2026

LB794

(Signed) Barry DeKay, Chairperson

**MOTION(S) - Withdraw LB766**

Senator Holdcroft offered [MO349](#), found on page 215, to withdraw LB766.

The Holdcroft motion to withdraw prevailed with 42 ayes, 0 nays, 6 present and not voting, and 1 excused and not voting.

The Kauth amendment, [FA395](#), found on page 191, was not considered.

**MOTION(S) - Withdraw LR294**

Senator Kauth offered [MO350](#), found on page 248, to withdraw LR294.

The Kauth motion to withdraw prevailed with 41 ayes, 0 nays, 7 present and not voting, and 1 excused and not voting.

**MOTION(S) - Withdraw LR295**

Senator Kauth offered [MO351](#), found on page 248, to withdraw LR295.

The Kauth motion to withdraw prevailed with 44 ayes, 0 nays, 4 present and not voting, and 1 excused and not voting.

**POINT OF PERSONAL PRIVILEGE**

Senator McKeon requested a point of personal privilege.

**RESIGNATION**

January 13, 2026

Lieutenant Governor Joe Kelly,

To the people of Legislative District 41 and to my colleagues in the Nebraska Legislature,

Serving as your state senator has been one of the greatest honors of my life. I am deeply grateful to the voters of District 41 for the trust they placed in me and for the opportunity to represent our communities.

Today, I submit my resignation from the Nebraska Legislature. I do so with humility and respect for this institution and for the serious responsibilities carried by those who serve within it.

This experience has been profoundly humbling and instructive. It has reinforced for me that public service requires constant care, awareness and discipline. Accountability means learning, growing and holding oneself to the highest standards of conduct.

I remain thankful for my colleagues, for the legislative staff who serve this body with professionalism and integrity, and for the people of Nebraska who believe in the importance of this institution.

It has been a privilege to serve. I will always be grateful for the opportunity to be part of the Nebraska Unicameral and for the responsibility entrusted to me by the people of Legislative District 41.

Respectfully,  
(Signed) Senator Dan McKeon

**RESOLUTION(S)**

**LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 282.** Speaker Arch requested to pass over LR282.

**BILLS ON FIRST READING**

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

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 989.** Introduced by Sanders, 45.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to appropriations; to appropriate funds to the Military Department for the Nebraska Nonprofit Security Grant Program.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 990.** Introduced by Dover, 19; Armendariz, 18; Bosn, 25; Bostar, 29; Brandt, 32; Cavanaugh, M., 6; Clouse, 37; Conrad, 46; DeKay, 40; Dorn, 30; Hansen, 16; Holdcroft, 36; Lippincott, 34; Lonowski, 33; McKeon, 41; Prokop, 27; Quick, 35; Rountree, 3; Sanders, 45.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to revenue and taxation; to amend sections 77-7301, 77-7302, and 77-7303, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024, and sections 77-4602, 77-7304, and 77-7305, Revised Statutes Supplement, 2025; to rename the School District Property Tax Relief Act as the Live Here Thrive Here Act and the School District Property Tax Relief Credit Fund as the Live Here Thrive Here Credit Fund; to define a term and change the distribution of property tax credits under the School District Property Tax Relief Act; to harmonize provisions; and to repeal the original sections.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 991.** Introduced by Dover, 19.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to motor vehicles; to amend section 60-6,175, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; to define terms; to provide for the installation and operation of stop-signal-arm camera systems on school buses as prescribed; to authorize the use of stop-signal-arm camera systems for the enforcement of certain violations under the Nebraska Rules of the Road; and to repeal the original section.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 992.** Introduced by Dover, 19.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to appropriations; to provide for appropriations; and to declare an emergency.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 993.** Introduced by McKinney, 11.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to civil actions; to amend sections 13-903 and 81-8,210, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; to provide for a cause of action for deprivation of constitutional rights by law enforcement officers; to define and redefine terms; to eliminate the defense of qualified immunity as prescribed; to require indemnification by public employers; to waive sovereign immunity for certain claims against law enforcement officers and exempt such claims from the Political Subdivisions Tort Claims Act and State Tort Claims Act; to provide an operative date; to provide severability; and to repeal the original sections.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 994.** Introduced by McKinney, 11.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to the Nebraska Treatment and Corrections Act; to amend section 83-1,135, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, and section 83-1,107, Revised Statutes Supplement, 2025; to change provisions relating to good time and parole eligibility; to provide duties for the Department of Correctional Services; to provide for applicability; to harmonize provisions; to repeal the original sections; and to declare an emergency.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 995.** Introduced by Rountree, 3.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to juvenile justice; to amend sections 43-272, 43-279, and 43-3102, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024; to require appointment of counsel for juveniles as prescribed; to require juvenile courts to present written materials concerning the right to counsel to parties as prescribed; to change provisions relating to waivers of the right to counsel; to harmonize provisions; and to repeal the original sections.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 996.** Introduced by Rountree, 3.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to juvenile justice; to amend section 43-431, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024, and section 43-2,129, Revised Statutes Supplement, 2025; to prohibit the use of shackling on juveniles as prescribed; to define a term; to change provisions relating to policies and procedures regarding the transportation of juveniles; to harmonize provisions; and to repeal the original sections.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 997.** Introduced by Andersen, 49.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to the State Procurement Act; to amend section 73-815, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024; to change provisions relating to requirements for an emergency contract; and to repeal the original section.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 998.** Introduced by Andersen, 49.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to revenue and taxation; to amend section 77-2716, Revised Statutes Supplement, 2025; to change provisions relating to the state income tax deduction for members of the Nebraska National Guard; and to repeal the original section.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 999.** Introduced by Spivey, 13; Ibach, 44.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to business; to adopt the Business Innovation and Startup Commission Act.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 1000.** Introduced by Prokop, 27; Hallstrom, 1.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to the Protection Orders Act; to amend section 26-118, Revised Statutes Supplement, 2025; to change penalties for violations of domestic abuse and sexual assault protection orders; and to repeal the original section.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 1001.** Introduced by General Affairs Committee: Holdcroft, 36, Chairperson; Andersen, 49; Clouse, 37; DeKay, 40; Rountree, 3; Storm, 23.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to racing and gaming; to amend sections 2-1207.01, 2-1213, 2-1216, 2-1226, 2-1228, 2-1229, 9-831, 9-1001, 9-1002, 9-1003, 9-1004, 9-1006, and 9-1115, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, section 2-1207, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024, and sections 2-1205, 2-1210, 9-1,101, and 9-1104, Revised Statutes Supplement, 2025; to change provisions relating to licensed racetrack enclosure terms and conditions, parimutuel wagering, the distribution of amounts deducted from wagers on horseracing, registration of Nebraska-bred horses, simulcast facilities licenses, and assistance to problem gamblers; to provide for administrative fees; to change provisions relating to the Nebraska Commission on Problem Gambling and place such commission for administrative purposes within the State Racing and Gaming Commission; to change and eliminate provisions relating to the Compulsive Gamblers Assistance Fund; to change provisions relating to the Charitable Gaming Division of the Department of Revenue; to provide an exception to the required age for individuals to play keno at a licensed racetrack enclosure; to harmonize provisions; to repeal the original sections; and to outright repeal section 9-1007, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 1002.** Introduced by Cavanaugh, M., 6.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to the Nebraska Political Accountability and Disclosure Act; to amend sections 49-1449, 49-1449.01, 49-1451, 49-1458, 49-1463, 49-1467, 49-1469.08, 49-1478.01, 49-1479.01, 49-1479.02, 49-1483.03, and 49-1488.01, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; to change fees; to eliminate a method of filing a report; to require principals to pay a late filing fee as provided; and to repeal the original sections.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 1003.** Introduced by Meyer, 17.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to consumer protection; to amend section 87-302, Revised Statutes Supplement, 2025; to adopt the Renewable Energy Consumer Protection Act; to provide a deceptive trade practice; to provide an operative date; and to repeal the original section.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 1004.** Introduced by Clouse, 37.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to liquor; to amend sections 53-103.02, 53-103.03, 53-103.24, and 53-160.02, Reissue Revised Statutes of

Nebraska; to redefine terms; to change the regulation of nonalcoholic beer under the Nebraska Liquor Control Act; to harmonize provisions; and to repeal the original sections.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 1005.** Introduced by Clouse, 37; Hallstrom, 1.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to the Nebraska Rules of the Road; to amend section 60-6,356, Revised Statutes Supplement, 2025; to provide for the operation of all-terrain vehicles and utility-type vehicles between sunset and sunrise as prescribed; and to repeal the original section.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 1006.** Introduced by Guereca, 7.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to consumer protection; to adopt the Protecting Consumers and Jobs from Predatory Pricing Act; and to provide severability.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 1007.** Introduced by Dungan, 26.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to the Uniform Residential Landlord and Tenant Act; to amend section 76-1415, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, and section 76-1416, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024; to prohibit a landlord from keeping a security deposit when a rental agreement is not signed; to prohibit a landlord from including nondisclosure terms in rental agreements as prescribed; and to repeal the original sections.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 1008.** Introduced by Brandt, 32.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to the School District Property Tax Relief Act; to amend section 77-7305, Revised Statutes Supplement, 2025; to change provisions relating to the amount of relief granted; and to repeal the original section.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 1009.** Introduced by Dungan, 26.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to the Nebraska Workers' Compensation Act; to amend section 48-119, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; to change provisions relating to the date when compensation begins; and to repeal the original section.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 1010.** Introduced by Brandt, 32.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to electricity; to amend sections 70-670 and 70-1012.01, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, section 70-704, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024, and sections 70-1001.01, 70-1012, and 70-1015, Revised Statutes Supplement, 2025; to provide for eminent domain of electrical energy storage property; to provide for storage of electric energy under the Electric Cooperative Corporation Act; to define and redefine terms, change application, notice, filing, exemption, and

violation provisions, and provide for certain energy storage resources relating to certain electric suppliers; to harmonize provisions; and to repeal the original sections.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 1011.** Introduced by Dungan, 26.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to the Nebraska Workers' Compensation Act; to amend section 48-121, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024; to change provisions relating to compensation for temporary disability; and to repeal the original section.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 1012.** Introduced by Hansen, 16.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to liens; to amend section 52-401, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024; to allow a lien for professional services provided by a physical therapist as prescribed; and to repeal the original section.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 1013.** Introduced by Hansen, 16.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to state institutions; to amend section 83-107.01, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; to change requirements for the youth rehabilitation and treatment centers; and to repeal the original section.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 1014.** Introduced by Spivey, 13.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to the Nebraska Uniform Limited Liability Company Act; to amend section 21-193, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; to change provisions relating to notice; to require the Secretary of State to create a web page for notices; to charge a fee for electronic publication of notices; and to repeal the original section.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 1015.** Introduced by Ibach, 44; Dorn, 30.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to business innovation; to amend sections 81-12,152, 81-12,154, and 81-12,155, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, and sections 48-602, 48-622.01, 48-648, 48-649.01, and 48-657, Revised Statutes Supplement, 2025; to redefine a term and change provisions relating to the combined tax and the state unemployment insurance tax rate under the Employment Security Law; to change provisions relating to legislative findings and qualified action plans and create a fund under the Business Innovation Act; to harmonize provisions; and to repeal the original sections.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 1016.** Introduced by Raybould, 28, Spivey, 13.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to the Medical Assistance Act; to amend section 68-901, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024; to state

intent; to require the Department of Health and Human Services to submit a demonstration project waiver application for reimbursement of traditional healing services under the medical assistance program as prescribed; and to repeal the original section.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 1017.** Introduced by Raybould, 28.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to the Nebraska Political Accountability and Disclosure Act; to amend section 49-1401, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024; to provide a limit on contributions made to a candidate committee as prescribed; to provide for adjustments; to harmonize provisions; and to repeal the original section.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 1018.** Introduced by Raybould, 28.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to the Nebraska Political Accountability and Disclosure Act; to amend section 49-1446.02, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; to change provisions relating to prohibited expenditures by committees; and to repeal the original section.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 1019.** Introduced by Dorn, 30; Brandt, 32; Clouse, 37; DeBoer, 10; Hallstrom, 1; Meyer, 17; Raybould, 28.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to county assessors; to amend section 77-1311.03, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024; to provide immunity from prosecution for trespass to county assessors as prescribed; and to repeal the original section.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 1020.** Introduced by Bostar, 29; Bosn, 25.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to crimes and offenses; to amend sections 29-2204.02, 29-2308, 29-4103, 84-941.01, and 86-2,103, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, section 28-311.08, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024, and sections 28-101, 28-311.02, 28-311.04, 28-1205, and 28-1206, Revised Statutes Supplement, 2025; to prohibit certain conduct relating to mobile tracking devices; to provide penalties; to define and redefine terms; to change penalties for stalking; to change provisions relating to unlawful intrusion; to prohibit operation of an unmanned aircraft system in restricted areas and require operators to present a certificate upon request; to create the offense of swatting and require restitution; to eliminate the requirement that courts impose probation for Class IV felonies; to change provisions relating to intercepted communications; to harmonize provisions; and to repeal the original sections.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 1021.** Introduced by Ibach, 44.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to revenue and taxation; to amend section 77-6203, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024, and section 77-6204, Revised Statutes Supplement, 2025; to change provisions related

to penalties, proceeds, and distributed revenue of the nameplate capacity tax; and to repeal the original sections.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 1022.** Introduced by Murman, 38; Andersen, 49; Ballard, 21; Clements, 2; Juarez, 5; Kauth, 31; Lippincott, 34; Lonowski, 33; Meyer, 17; Storer, 43.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to education; to amend sections 79-807, 79-808, 79-813, and 79-8,145.01, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, and section 79-810, Revised Statutes Supplement, 2025; to eliminate definitions; to eliminate the human relations training requirement for obtaining a certificate or permit to teach, provide special services, or administer; to harmonize provisions; and to repeal the original sections.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 1023.** Introduced by Murman, 38; Brandt, 32; Clements, 2; Juarez, 5; Lippincott, 34; Lonowski, 33; Meyer, 17.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to revenue and taxation; to amend section 77-2704.67, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; to eliminate provisions relating to an exemption from sales and use taxes for zoo and aquarium admissions; to provide an operative date; and to repeal the original section.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 1024.** Introduced by Murman, 38; Ballard, 21; Clements, 2; Lippincott, 34; Lonowski, 33; Storer, 43.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to schools; to amend sections 79-724 and 79-760.01, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; to require instruction on the history of communism as prescribed; to provide duties to school districts and to committees on American civics; to incorporate the history of communism into academic content standards; to provide duties to the State Board of Education; to harmonize provisions; and to repeal the original sections.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 1025.** Introduced by Bosn, 25; Bostar, 29; Brandt, 32; Cavanaugh, M., 6; Clouse, 37; DeKay, 40; Dorn, 30; Guereca, 7; Hallstrom, 1; Hardin, 48; Holdcroft, 36; Ibach, 44; Juarez, 5; Kauth, 31; Lonowski, 33; McKinney, 11; Meyer, 17; Murman, 38; Prokop, 27; Raybould, 28; Sanders, 45; Sorrentino, 39; Spivey, 13; Wordekemper, 15.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to taxation; to adopt the Social Media Collection of Consumer Data Tax Act; to establish an excise tax on certain social media platform businesses; and to create a fund.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 1026.** Introduced by Storm, 23; Clouse, 37; DeKay, 40; Sorrentino, 39; Strommen, 47.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to electricity; to amend section 70-1001.01, Revised Statutes Supplement, 2025; to define a term; to prohibit retirement, shutdown, cessation of operation, and alteration of operation of certain

facilities as prescribed; to harmonize provisions; and to repeal the original section.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 1027.** Introduced by Storm, 23; Clouse, 37; DeKay, 40; Sorrentino, 39; Strommen, 47.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to electricity; to amend sections 70-1012.01, 70-1013, and 70-1014.01, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, and sections 70-1012, 70-1014, 70-1014.02, and 70-1015, Revised Statutes Supplement, 2025; to eliminate certain exemptions applicable to privately developed renewable energy generation facilities; to change requirements for the construction of privately developed renewable energy generation facilities; to harmonize provisions; and to repeal the original sections.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 1028.** Introduced by Juarez, 5; Cavanaugh, J., 9; Raybould, 28.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to the Livestock Waste Management Act; to amend section 54-2416, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; to provide requirements for registering a nutrient management plan and the application of livestock waste or litter as provided; to harmonize provisions; and to repeal the original section.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 1029.** Introduced by Conrad, 46.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to postsecondary education; to amend section 85-906, Revised Statutes Supplement, 2025; to redefine terms regarding reportable funding from a foreign adversarial source; and to repeal the original section.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 1030.** Introduced by Dorn, 30.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to appropriations; to appropriate funds to the Department of Economic Development for state aid to development districts.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 1031.** Introduced by Dorn, 30.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to the Hospital Quality Assurance and Access Assessment Fund; to require appropriations; and to state intent regarding rates.

#### **RESOLUTION(S)**

**LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 299CA.** Introduced by McKinney, 11.

THE MEMBERS OF THE ONE HUNDRED NINTH LEGISLATURE OF NEBRASKA, SECOND SESSION, RESOLVE THAT:

Section 1. At the general election in November 2026, the following proposed amendment to the Constitution of Nebraska shall be submitted to the electors of the State of Nebraska for approval or rejection:

To amend Article IV, section 13, and to add a new section 29 to Article IV:

IV-13 The Legislature shall provide by law for the establishment of a Board of Parole and the qualifications of its members. Said board, or a majority thereof, shall have power to grant paroles after conviction and judgment, under such conditions as may be prescribed by law, for any offenses committed against the criminal laws of this state except treason and cases of impeachment. The Governor, Attorney General and Secretary of State, sitting as a board, shall have power to remit fines and forfeitures and to grant respites, reprieves, or pardons, or commutations in all cases of conviction for offenses against the laws of the state, except treason and cases of impeachment. The Board of Parole may advise the Governor, Attorney General and Secretary of State on the merits of any application for remission, respite, reprieve, or pardon or commutation but such advice shall not be binding on them. The Governor shall have power to suspend the execution of the sentence imposed for treason until the case can be reported to the Legislature at its next session, when the Legislature shall either grant a pardon, or commute the sentence or direct the execution, or grant a further reprieve.

IV-29 The power to commute any sentence for an offense against the criminal laws of this state, except treason and cases of impeachment, shall be vested in the Nebraska Board of Commutation. The board shall consist of seven members appointed by the Governor and confirmed by the Legislature. The Governor shall appoint the members on a nonpartisan basis. The board's members shall include individuals with expertise in mental health, restorative justice, criminal law, law enforcement, and lived experience of incarceration and victimization. The Legislature shall provide by law for the board's procedures and its members' terms and qualifications.

Sec. 2. The proposed amendment shall be submitted to the electors in the manner prescribed by the Constitution of Nebraska, Article XVI, section 1, with the following ballot language:

A constitutional amendment to transfer the power to commute criminal sentences from the Board of Pardons to a new Nebraska Board of Commutation.

For

Against.

**LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 300.** Introduced by Spivey, 13.

WHEREAS, the Legislature finds that economic development is vitally important to the well-being and financial sustainability of Nebraska and that the Legislature and the state would benefit from a more coordinated policy approach to economic development.

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

1. The Nebraska Economic Development Task Force is created. The task force shall monitor, analyze, and develop policy recommendations and priorities in all aspects of economic development in Nebraska. The task force shall also consider and recommend long-range strategic plans to improve economic development conditions within the state.

2. The task force shall obtain input on issues pertaining to economic development and workforce development from sources which include, but need not be limited to, the Department of Economic Development and the Department of Labor and use such input to develop proactive approaches to grow and invest in the Nebraska economy.

3. The Nebraska Economic Development Task Force shall be composed of:

(a) Three members of the Legislature appointed by the Executive Board of the Legislative Council;

(b) The chairperson of the Appropriations Committee of the Legislature or such chairperson's designee;

(c) The chairperson of the Banking, Commerce and Insurance Committee of the Legislature or such chairperson's designee;

(d) The chairperson of the Business and Labor Committee of the Legislature or such chairperson's designee;

(e) The chairperson of the Revenue Committee of the Legislature or such chairperson's designee;

(f) The chairperson of the Legislature's Planning Committee or such chairperson's designee; and

(g) The chairperson of the Urban Affairs Committee of the Legislature or such chairperson's designee.

4. The task force members shall elect a chairperson and vice-chairperson from among the task force members. The task force shall meet on or before June 30, 2026, and shall meet not less than once every three months thereafter but shall not be required to meet while the Legislature is in session.

5. Meetings shall be called by the chairperson of the task force. The task force may ask other persons or entities to attend its meetings or present information at such meetings. The task force shall submit a report to the Legislature regarding the recommendations, priorities, and plans the task force has identified on or before December 31, 2026.

Laid over.

**LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 301.** Introduced by Kauth, 31.

**PURPOSE:** The purpose of this resolution is to conduct a study to examine whether socially or medically changing the behavioral or physical characteristics of a child in opposition to the characteristics associated with the child's sex registered at birth constitutes child abuse under the Nebraska Criminal Code.

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

1. That the Judiciary Committee of the Legislature shall be designated to conduct an interim study to carry out the purposes of this resolution.
2. That the committee shall upon the conclusion of its study make a report of its findings, together with its recommendations, to the Legislative Council or Legislature.

Referred to the Executive Board.

**LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 302.** Introduced by Lonowski, 33; Arch, 14; Ballard, 21; Bosn, 25; Bostar, 29; Brandt, 32; Clements, 2; Clouse, 37; Conrad, 46; DeBoer, 10; DeKay, 40; Dorn, 30; Dungan, 26; Fredrickson, 20; Hallstrom, 1; Hansen, 16; Hardin, 48; Holdcroft, 36; Hughes, 24; Ibach, 44; Jacobson, 42; Juarez, 5; Kauth, 31; Lippincott, 34; McKeon, 41; McKinney, 11; Meyer, 17; Moser, 22; Murman, 38; Prokop, 27; Quick, 35; Riepe, 12; Rountree, 3; Sorrentino, 39; Spivey, 13; Storm, 23; von Gillern, 4; Wordekemper, 15.

WHEREAS, Ken Lonowski of Waverly, Nebraska, has displayed tremendous public service during his life; and

WHEREAS, Ken served for twenty-eight years in the United States Army and Nebraska Army National Guard; and

WHEREAS, Ken received a Presidential unit citation and numerous service medals and awards; and

WHEREAS, Ken served in the Eighty-second Airborne and was named Paratrooper of the Year in 1995; and

WHEREAS, Ken moved to a military intelligence unit and was selected as one of only fifty-four in the United States Military for a team that specialized in weapons of mass destruction and terrorist activities; and

WHEREAS, Ken retired from the United States Army in 2011 and was hired by the Nebraska State Patrol for a security position in the Nebraska State Capitol on March 21, 2016; and

WHEREAS, Ken has served as a Security Guard, in Security Communications, and as Shift Supervisor for the Nebraska State Patrol; and

WHEREAS, Ken has set the standard for others on the Capitol Security team to follow and he was named Supervisor of the Year in 2021; and

WHEREAS, Ken loves working with others and bringing smiles to people's faces; and

WHEREAS, Ken retired on January 9, 2026; and

WHEREAS, Ken and his wife, Chris, have four children, Kalvin, Tony, Ashley, and Mikayla, as well as several grandchildren.

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

1. That the Legislature recognizes Ken Lonowski for his many years of public service and thanks Ken for his lifelong contributions to our country and the State of Nebraska.
2. That a copy of this resolution be sent to Ken Lonowski.

Laid over.

**SPEAKER'S ANNOUNCEMENT**

Pursuant to Rule 4, Sec. 8, LR300 was referred to the Reference Committee.

**NOTICE OF COMMITTEE HEARING(S)**

Government, Military and Veterans Affairs

Room 1507 1:30 PM

Wednesday, January 21, 2026

LB767

LB786

LB787

Room 1507 1:30 PM

Thursday, January 22, 2026

LB951

LR283CA

LR284CA

Room 1507 1:30 PM

Friday, January 23, 2026

Douglas Hohbein - State Fire Marshal

J.L. Spray - Nebraska Accountability and Disclosure Commission

(Signed) Rita Sanders, Chairperson

Health and Human Services

Room 1510 1:30 PM

Wednesday, January 21, 2026

LB720

LB733

LB892

LB825

LB792

Room 1510 1:30 PM

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LB735

LB736

LB887

LB721

Room 1510 1:30 PM

Friday, January 23, 2026

Ashley Newmyer - Division of Public Health-Department of Health and  
Human Services

LB845

LB867

LB832

LB913

(Signed) Brian Hardin, Chairperson

Education  
Room 1525 1:30 PM

Tuesday, January 20, 2026

LB748

LB841

LB924

LB937

LB940

(Signed) Dave Murman, Chairperson

**MESSAGE(S) FROM LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR**

January 13, 2026

Senator Dan McKeon  
Room 1529, State Capitol  
Lincoln, NE 68509

Dear Senator McKeon,

I am in receipt of your resignation letter dated January 13, 2026, which is effective upon adjournment. I have directed the Clerk of the Legislature to forward your letter to the Governor.

Sincerely,  
(Signed) Joe Kelly  
Lieutenant Governor

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

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

Senator Raybould name added to LB762.

**VISITOR(S)**

Visitors to the Chamber were Nebraska Olympic, Paralympic, and Special Olympic Athletes.

**ADJOURNMENT**

At 12:13 p.m., on a motion by Senator Murman, the Legislature adjourned until 10:00 a.m., Tuesday, January 14, 2026.

Brandon Metzler  
Clerk of the Legislature

