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**ONE HUNDRED NINTH LEGISLATURE
SECOND SESSION**

FIFTY-SECOND DAY

Legislative Chamber, Lincoln, Nebraska
Monday, March 30, 2026

PRAYER

The prayer was offered by Reverend Nick Baker, Wayne First United Methodist and Carrol United Methodist, Wayne.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was offered by Senator Brandt.

ROLL CALL

Pursuant to adjournment, the Legislature met at 9:00 a.m., Senator Ibach presiding.

The roll was called and all members were present except Senators Bostar, M. Cavanaugh, Conrad, Fredrickson, Hunt, Juarez, Raybould, and Spivey who were excused until they arrive.

CORRECTIONS FOR THE JOURNAL

The Journal for the fifty-first day was approved.

COMMITTEE REPORT(S)

Enrollment and Review

LEGISLATIVE BILL 784. Placed on Final Reading.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 788. Placed on Final Reading.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 913. Placed on Final Reading.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 977. Placed on Final Reading.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 1055. Placed on Final Reading with the attached statement.

[ST74](#)

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

1. On page 2, line 20, "effective" has been struck.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 1114. Placed on Select File with amendment.
[ER160](#) is available in the Bill Room.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 753. Placed on Select File.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 904. Placed on Select File.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 1195. Placed on Select File with amendment.

[ER158](#)

1 1. On page 1, strike beginning with "jails" in line 1 through line 3
2 and insert "jails; to amend section 47-111, Reissue Revised Statutes of
3 Nebraska; to change requirements relating to female inmates of county
4 jails and matrons; to require compliance of county and city jails with
5 certain rules and regulations of the Jail Standards Board; and to repeal
6 the original section."

LEGISLATIVE BILL 829. Placed on Select File with amendment.

[ER157](#)

1 1. On page 1, strike beginning with "the" in line 1 through line 4
2 and insert "the Auditor of Public Accounts; to amend section 84-304,
3 Revised Statutes Supplement, 2025; to change provisions relating to
4 certain audit examinations; to repeal the original section; and to
5 declare an emergency."

LEGISLATIVE BILL 1253. Placed on Select File with amendment.

[ER161](#)

1 1. On page 1, line 1, strike "deed proceedings" and insert "sale
2 certificates".

LEGISLATIVE BILL 905. Placed on Select File with amendment.

[ER162](#)

1 1. Insert the following new sections:
2 Sec. 45. Section 81-15,160, Revised Statutes Supplement, 2025, is
3 amended to read:
4 81-15,160 (1) The Waste Reduction and Recycling Incentive Fund is
5 created. The department shall deduct from the fund amounts sufficient to
6 reimburse itself for its costs of administration of the fund. The fund
7 shall be administered by the department. The fund shall consist of
8 proceeds from the fees imposed pursuant to the Waste Reduction and
9 Recycling Incentive Act.
10 (2) The fund may be used for purposes which include, but are not
11 limited to:
12 (a) Technical and financial assistance to political subdivisions for
13 creation of recycling systems and for modification of present recycling
14 systems;
15 (b) Recycling and waste reduction projects, including public
16 education, planning, and technical assistance;
17 (c) Market development for recyclable materials separated by
18 generators, including public education, planning, and technical
19 assistance;
20 (d) Capital assistance for establishing private and public
21 intermediate processing facilities for recyclable materials and
22 facilities using recyclable materials in new products;
23 (e) Programs which develop and implement composting of yard waste
24 and composting with sewage sludge;
25 (f) Technical assistance for waste reduction and waste exchange for
26 waste generators;

27 (g) Programs to assist communities and counties to develop and
1 implement household hazardous waste management programs;
2 (h) Capital assistance for establishing private and public
3 facilities to manufacture combustible waste products and to incinerate
4 combustible waste to generate and recover energy resources, except that
5 no disbursements shall be made under this section for scrap tire
6 processing related to tire-derived fuel;
7 (i) Grants for reimbursement of costs to cities of the first class,
8 cities of the second class, villages, and counties of five thousand or
9 fewer population for the deconstruction of abandoned buildings. Eligible
10 deconstruction costs will be related to the recovery and processing of
11 recyclable or reusable material from the abandoned buildings; and
12 (j) Administrative costs of the department in fiscal years 2025-26
13 and 2026-27 to implement, administer, and enforce the Safe Battery
14 Collection and Recycling Act.
15 (3) Grants up to one million five hundred thousand dollars annually
16 shall be available until June 30, 2029, for new scrap tire projects only,
17 if acceptable scrap tire project applications are received. Eligible
18 categories of disbursement under section 81-15,161 may include, but are
19 not limited to:
20 (a) Reimbursement for the purchase of crumb rubber generated and
21 used in Nebraska, with disbursements not to exceed fifty percent of the
22 cost of the crumb rubber;
23 (b) Reimbursement for the purchase of tire-derived product which
24 utilizes a minimum of twenty-five percent recycled tire content, with
25 disbursements not to exceed twenty-five percent of the product's retail
26 cost;
27 (c) Participation in the capital costs of building, equipment, and
28 other capital improvement needs or startup costs for scrap tire
29 processing or manufacturing of tire-derived product, with disbursements
30 not to exceed fifty percent of such costs or five hundred thousand
31 dollars, whichever is less;
1 (d) Participation in the capital costs of building, equipment, or
2 other startup costs needed to establish collection sites or to collect
3 and transport scrap tires, with disbursements not to exceed fifty percent
4 of such costs;
5 (e) Cost-sharing for the manufacturing of tire-derived product, with
6 disbursements not to exceed twenty dollars per ton or two hundred fifty
7 thousand dollars, whichever is less, to any person annually;
8 (f) Cost-sharing for the processing of scrap tires, with
9 disbursements not to exceed twenty dollars per ton or two hundred fifty
10 thousand dollars, whichever is less, to any person annually;
11 (g) Cost-sharing for the use of scrap tires for civil engineering
12 applications for specified projects, with disbursements not to exceed
13 twenty dollars per ton or two hundred fifty thousand dollars, whichever
14 is less, to any person annually; and
15 (h) Disbursement to a political subdivision up to one hundred
16 percent of costs incurred in cleaning up scrap tire collection and
17 disposal sites; ~~and~~
18 ~~(i) Costs related to the study provided in section 81-15,159.01.~~
19 The director shall give preference to projects which utilize scrap
20 tires generated and used in Nebraska.
21 (4) Priority for grants made under section 81-15,161 shall be given
22 to grant proposals demonstrating a formal public/private partnership
23 except for grants awarded from fees collected under subsection (6) of
24 section 13-2042.
25 (5) Grants awarded from fees collected under subsection (6) of
26 section 13-2042 may be renewed for up to a five-year grant period. Such
27 applications shall include an updated integrated solid waste management
28 plan pursuant to section 13-2032. Annual disbursements are subject to

29 available funds and the grantee meeting established grant conditions.
 30 Priority for such grants shall be given to grant proposals showing
 31 regional participation and programs which address the first integrated
 1 solid waste management hierarchy as stated in section 13-2018 which shall
 2 include toxicity reduction. Disbursements for any one year shall not
 3 exceed fifty percent of the total fees collected after rebates under
 4 subsection (6) of section 13-2042 during that year.
 5 (6) Any person who stores waste tires in violation of section
 6 13-2033, which storage is the subject of abatement or cleanup, shall be
 7 liable to the State of Nebraska for the reimbursement of expenses of such
 8 abatement or cleanup paid by the department.
 9 (7) The department may receive gifts, bequests, and any other
 10 contributions for deposit in the Waste Reduction and Recycling Incentive
 11 Fund. Transfers may be made from the fund to the General Fund at the
 12 direction of the Legislature. Any money in the Waste Reduction and
 13 Recycling Incentive Fund available for investment shall be invested by
 14 the state investment officer pursuant to the Nebraska Capital Expansion
 15 Act and the Nebraska State Funds Investment Act.
 16 Sec. 60. Section 86-502, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is
 17 amended to read:
 18 86-502 For purposes of the Information Technology Infrastructure
 19 Act, the definitions found in sections 86-503 to ~~86-510~~~~86-511~~ apply.
 20 2. On page 1, line 5, after "85-1005," insert "86-502,"; and in line
 21 11 after "81-1431," insert "81-15,160,".
 22 3. On page 2, line 21, strike "committee" and insert "council".
 23 4. On page 72, line 19, after "85-1005," insert "86-502,"; and in
 24 line 25 after "81-1431," insert "81-15,160,".
 25 5. Renumber the remaining sections accordingly.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 781. Placed on Select File.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 986. Placed on Select File.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 955. Placed on Select File.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 921. Placed on Select File with amendment.
[ER164](#) is available in the Bill Room.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 867. Placed on Select File with amendment.
[ER165](#) is available in the Bill Room.

(Signed) Dunixi Guereca, Chairperson

AMENDMENT(S) - Print in Journal

Senator Kauth filed the following amendment to [LB937](#):
[AM2798](#)

(Amendments to Standing Committee amendments, AM2454)

- 1 1. On page 7, strike the new matter beginning with "The following"
- 2 in line 16 through line 31 and insert "School districts may determine the
- 3 definitions of excused and unexcused absences."
- 4 2. On page 8, strike lines 1 through 5.

GENERAL FILE

LEGISLATIVE BILL 400. Committee [AM702](#), found on page 1238, First Session, 2025, and considered on pages 426, 429, 456, 465, and 482, was renewed.

Senator Hallstrom renewed [FA923](#), found and considered on page 482, to the committee amendment.

The Hallstrom amendment was withdrawn.

Senator Wordekemper withdrew [FA1017](#), found on page 781, to the committee amendment.

Senator Jacobson offered the following amendment to the committee amendment:

[FA1127](#)

To AM702:

On page 1, line 18: Strike "is" and insert "may be"

On page 1, line 24: Strike "carcinogen or substance reasonably anticipated to be a"

On page 1, line 27: Strike "reasonably associated with" and insert "a known primary cause of"

On page 2, line 1: Strike "shall be deemed, for purposes of subsection (2) of this section, to be known carcinogens that are reasonably associated with" and insert "may be considered, for purposes of subsection (2) of this section, as known human carcinogens if they are known to be the primary cause of"

On page 2, Lines 5-6, 7-8, 11, 13-14, 16-17, 18-19, 20-21, 24-25, 26-27, 29-30, and Page 3, lines 1-2, 5-6, 8-9, 11-12, 15-16, 17-18, 19-20, 21-22, 24-25, 27-28, 30-31, and Page 4, lines 1-2, 4-5, 7-8, 9-10, 12-13: Strike "shall be deemed to be known carcinogens that are reasonably associated with" insert "if a known primary cause of"

Senator Jacobson moved for a call of the house. The motion prevailed with 35 ayes, 0 nays, and 14 not voting.

The Jacobson amendment lost with 23 ayes, 13 nays, 10 present and not voting, and 3 excused and not voting.

The Chair declared the call raised.

Senator Jacobson offered the following amendment to the committee amendment:

[FA1128](#)

To AM702, on page 4, strike subsection (4) and renumber remaining subsections

The Jacobson amendment lost with 21 ayes, 8 nays, 17 present and not voting, and 3 excused and not voting.

Senator Jacobson offered the following amendment to the committee amendment:

[FA1129](#)

To AM702, On Page 5, Lines 7 and 18: after "entry" insert "and within sixty days of date of retirement"

Senator Jacobson offered the following motion:

[MO550](#)

Recommit to the Business and Labor Committee.

Senator Bosn moved the previous question. The question is, "Shall the debate now close?" The motion failed with 16 ayes, 3 nays, and 30 not voting.

Senator Wordekemper offered the following motion:

[MO551](#)

Invoke cloture pursuant to Rule 7, Sec. 10.

Senator Wordekemper moved for a call of the house. The motion prevailed with 39 ayes, 0 nays, and 10 not voting.

Senator Wordekemper requested the roll call vote, in reverse order, on his motion to invoke cloture.

Voting in the affirmative, 32:

Ballard	DeBoer	Hardin	McKinney	Sorrentino
Bosn	Dorn	Holdcroft	Meyer, G.	Spivey
Bostar	Dover	Hughes	Murman	von Gillern
Brandt	Dungan	Hunt	Prokop	Wordekemper
Cavanaugh, J.	Fredrickson	Juarez	Quick	
Cavanaugh, M.	Guereca	Kauth	Riepe	
Conrad	Hallstrom	Lippincott	Rountree	

Voting in the negative, 15:

Andersen	Clouse	Ibach	Meyer, F.	Storer
Arch	DeKay	Jacobson	Moser	Storm
Clements	Hansen	Lonowski	Sanders	Strommen

Excused and not voting, 2:

Armendariz Raybould

The motion to invoke cloture failed with 32 ayes, 15 nays, and 2 excused and not voting.

The Chair declared the call raised.

NOTICE OF COMMITTEE HEARING(S)

General Affairs
Room 1023 12:15 PM

Tuesday, April 7, 2026

Antonio Gomez - State Racing and Gaming Commission

(Signed) Rick Holdcroft, Chairperson

BILL ON FIRST READING

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

LEGISLATIVE BILL 1075A. Introduced by Sanders, 45.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to appropriations; to appropriate funds to aid in carrying out the provisions of Legislative Bill 1075, One Hundred Ninth Legislature, Second Session, 2026; and to declare an emergency.

RESOLUTION(S)

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 485. Introduced by Prokop, 27.

WHEREAS, in its forty-first year of honoring the nation's best athletes, Gatorade announced senior guard Uzziah Sanders of Lincoln Southwest High School as the 2025-26 Gatorade Nebraska Boys Basketball Player of the Year; and

WHEREAS, the Gatorade Player of the Year program annually recognizes one winner in each of the fifty states and the District of Columbia that sanction high school football, girls volleyball, boys and girls cross country, boys and girls basketball, boys and girls soccer, baseball, softball, and boys and girls track and field, and also recognizes one National Player of the Year in each sport; and

WHEREAS, this award recognizes outstanding athletic excellence, high standards of academic achievement, exemplary character demonstrated on and off the field, and distinguishes Uzziah as Nebraska's best high school boys basketball player; and

WHEREAS, Uzziah helped lead Lincoln Southwest to their first-ever Class A state title and is Southwest's all-time leading scorer, averaging 23.6 points, 3.9 rebounds, 3.2 assists, and 2.6 steals per game this season; and

WHEREAS, the Legislature recognizes Uzziah's dedication to basketball, academics, and achievements as a student-athlete in Nebraska.

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

1. That the Legislature congratulates Uzziah Sanders for earning the Gatorade Player of the Year Award.

2. That copies of this resolution be sent to Uzziah Sanders and Lincoln Southwest High School.

Laid over.

AMENDMENT(S) - Print in Journal

Senator Bosn filed the following amendment to [LB965](#):

[AM2950](#)

(Amendments to Standing Committee amendments, AM2846)

1 1. On page 29, line 9, after "fact" insert ", but only if the

2 prosecuting agency does not file such a motion. If the prosecuting agency
 3 files a motion in limine addressing the disclosure, the officer shall
 4 have no independent right to intervene or file a separate motion"; and
 5 after line 23 insert the following new subsection:
 6 "(6) An officer's participation under this section is limited to the
 7 filing and adjudication of a motion in limine as provided in subsection
 8 (1) of this section. The officer shall not be considered a party to the
 9 action and shall have no right to participate in the trial or to seek
 10 appellate review of any ruling under this section."

Senator Sanders filed the following amendment to LB1075:
AM2955

(Amendments to Standing Committee amendments, AM2496)

1 1. Strike sections 1, 2, 3, 4, and 5 and insert the following new
 2 sections:
 3 Section 1. Section 13-501, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is
 4 amended to read:
 5 13-501 Sections 13-501 to 13-513 and section 2 of this act shall be
 6 known and may be cited as the Nebraska Budget Act.
 7 Sec. 2. The Department of Administrative Services shall develop,
 8 maintain, and make available for public inspection on its website a
 9 database of financial information about all counties, cities, and
 10 villages in the state. The information shall include information provided
 11 to the auditor pursuant to sections 13-506 and 23-1608. The information
 12 may also include revenue sources, expenditures, and a balance sheet that
 13 contains all assets and liabilities for each city's or village's most
 14 recent municipal audit or audit report filed with the auditor pursuant to
 15 section 19-2905, if available. The department shall designate an
 16 implementation date for such database which date shall be on or before
 17 January 1, 2027.
 18 2. On page 53, line 9, after "period" insert ", except that a
 19 committee named as a contributor shall be reported with the committee's
 20 street address and not with a post office box number".
 21 3. On page 54, line 16, after "address" insert "or post office box
 22 number"; and in line 18 after "receipt" insert ", except that a committee
 23 named as a contributor shall be reported with the committee's street
 24 address and not with a post office box number".
 25 4. On page 55, line 27, after "that" insert ", to the best of the
 26 treasurer's knowledge."
 1 5. On page 63, after line 18 insert the following new subsection:
 2 "(10) Nothing in this section shall be construed to prohibit a
 3 foreign national from volunteering or engaging in nonmonetary advocacy,
 4 including, but not limited to, the sending of electronic communications
 5 that advocate for a ballot committee or ballot measure, unless such
 6 activities constitute a contribution or expenditure."; and in line 19,
 7 strike "(10)" and insert "(11)".
 8 6. Renumber the remaining sections and correct internal references
 9 accordingly.
 10 7. Correct the operative date and repealer sections so that the
 11 sections added by this amendment become operative three calendar months
 12 after the adjournment of this legislative session.

Senator Wordekemper filed the following amendment to LB400:
AM2971

(Amendments to Standing Committee amendments, AM702)

1 1. On page 4, lines 22 and 29; and on page 5, line 12, strike
 2 "There" and insert "Until January 1, 2033, there".

VISITOR(S)

Visitors to the Chamber were Poovan Balachander Yseali, Malaysia; students from Aurora Public Schools, Aurora; students from the Nebraska Music Education Association.

RECESS

At 12:16 p.m., on a motion by Senator Sorrentino, the Legislature recessed until 1:15 p.m.

AFTER RECESS

The Legislature reconvened at 1:15 p.m., President Kelly presiding.

ROLL CALL

The roll was called and all members were present except Senators Ballard, Bosn, Bostar, Conrad, Dungan, Hallstrom, Hansen, Kauth, and Rountree who were excused until they arrive.

RESOLUTION(S)

Pursuant to Rule 4, Sec. 5(b), LRs 375, 376, 377, 378, 379, 387, 388, 392, 394, 395, 396, 397, and 398 were adopted.

PRESIDENT SIGNED

While the Legislature was in session and capable of transacting business, the President signed the following: LRs 375, 376, 377, 378, 379, 387, 388, 392, 394, 395, 396, 397, and 398.

GENERAL FILE

LEGISLATIVE BILL 525A. Title read. Considered.

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

LEGISLATIVE BILL 815A. Title read. Considered.

Advanced to Enrollment and Review Initial with 37 ayes, 0 nays, 6 present and not voting, and 6 excused and not voting.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 838A. Title read. Considered.

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

LEGISLATIVE BILL 867A. Title read. Considered.

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

LEGISLATIVE BILL 937A. Title read. Considered.

Advanced to Enrollment and Review Initial with 34 ayes, 0 nays, 9 present and not voting, and 6 excused and not voting.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 972A. Title read. Considered.

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

LEGISLATIVE BILL 1050A. Title read. Considered.

Senator Spivey offered [FA1126](#), found on page 1352.

Senator Murman offered the following motion:

[MO552](#)

Invoke cloture pursuant to Rule 7, Sec. 10.

Senator Murman moved for a call of the house. The motion prevailed with 28 ayes, 1 nay, and 20 not voting.

Senator Murman requested a roll call vote on his motion to invoke cloture.

Voting in the affirmative, 39:

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

Voting in the negative, 5:

Hunt	Juarez	Raybould	Rountree	Spivey
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Present and not voting, 4:

Cavanaugh, M.	McKinney	Quick	Riepe
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Excused and not voting, 1:

Conrad

The motion to invoke cloture prevailed with 39 ayes, 5 nays, 4 present and not voting, and 1 excused and not voting.

The Spivey amendment lost with 11 ayes, 34 nays, 3 present and not voting, and 1 excused and not voting.

Advanced to Enrollment and Review Initial with 35 ayes, 9 nays, 4 present and not voting, and 1 excused and not voting.

The Chair declared the call raised.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 1126A. Title read. Considered.

Advanced to Enrollment and Review Initial with 43 ayes, 0 nays, 5 present and not voting, and 1 excused and not voting.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 1165A. Title read. Considered.

Advanced to Enrollment and Review Initial with 40 ayes, 4 nays, and 5 present and not voting.

REFERENCE COMMITTEE REPORT

The Legislative Council Executive Board submits the following report:

LB/LR	Committee
LR301	Judiciary
LR310	Banking, Commerce and Insurance
LR366	General Affairs
LR371	Judiciary
LR372	Nebraska Retirement Systems
LR373	Nebraska Retirement Systems
LR374	Nebraska Retirement Systems
LR380	Health and Human Services
LR381	Health and Human Services
LR382	Health and Human Services
LR383	Health and Human Services
LR384	Government, Military and Veterans Affairs
LR385	Government, Military and Veterans Affairs
LR386	Transportation and Telecommunications
LR389	Education
LR390	Health and Human Services
LR391	Health and Human Services
LR393	Health and Human Services
LR399	Appropriations
LR400	Banking, Commerce and Insurance
LR401	Judiciary
LR402	Education
LR403	Judiciary

LR404	Health and Human Services
LR405	Education
LR406	Education
LR407	Urban Affairs
LR408	Judiciary
LR409	Judiciary
LR411	Health and Human Services
LR412	Executive Board
LR413	Judiciary
LR414	Banking, Commerce and Insurance
LR415	Urban Affairs
LR417	Urban Affairs
LR418	Urban Affairs
LR419	Urban Affairs
LR420	Urban Affairs
LR421	Banking, Commerce and Insurance
LR423	Health and Human Services
LR425	Health and Human Services
LR426	Health and Human Services
LR427	Health and Human Services
LR428	Banking, Commerce and Insurance
LR429	Government, Military and Veterans Affairs
LR430	Government, Military and Veterans Affairs
LR431	Judiciary
LR432	Urban Affairs
LR433	Education
LR434	Urban Affairs
LR435	Appropriations
LR436	Business and Labor
LR440	Education
LR441	Urban Affairs
LR442	Education
LR443	Executive Board
LR444	Health and Human Services
LR445	Revenue
LR446	Banking, Commerce and Insurance
LR447	Education
LR448	Government, Military and Veterans Affairs
LR449	Agriculture
LR450	Agriculture
LR451	Agriculture
LR452	Appropriations
LR453	Revenue
LR454	Revenue
LR455	Education
LR456	General Affairs
LR457	Banking, Commerce and Insurance
LR458	Revenue
LR459	Revenue

- LR460 Urban Affairs
- LR461 Transportation and Telecommunications
- LR462 Health and Human Services
- LR463 Education
- LR464 Revenue
- LR465 Education
- LR466 Education
- LR467 Urban Affairs
- LR468 Judiciary
- LR470 Transportation and Telecommunications
- LR471 Natural Resources
- LR472 Education
- LR473 Revenue
- LR474 Revenue
- LR475 Appropriations
- LR476 Nebraska Retirement Systems
- LR478 Health and Human Services
- LR480 Education
- LR481 Health and Human Services
- LR482 Banking, Commerce and Insurance

(Signed) Ben Hansen, Chairperson
Executive Board

AMENDMENT(S) - Print in Journal

Senator Hardin filed the following amendment to [LB867](#):
[AM2972](#)

(Amendments to E&R amendments, ER165)

- 1 1. Strike sections 36 and 37 and insert the following new sections:
- 2 Sec. 36. Sections 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15,
- 3 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, 33,
- 4 34, 35, 37, and 39 of this act become operative three calendar months
- 5 after the adjournment of this legislative session. The other sections of
- 6 this act become operative on their effective date.
- 7 Sec. 37. Original sections 43-2624, 68-927, 68-928, 68-1006,
- 8 68-1007, 71-2226, 71-7450, 81-6,122, 81-2205, 81-2212, 81-2226, 81-3113,
- 9 81-3116, 83-1201, 83-1204, and 83-1206, Reissue Revised Statutes of
- 10 Nebraska, sections 30-38,113, 43-4413, 43-4504, 71-561, 71-563, 71-564,
- 11 71-565, 71-566, and 71-567, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024,
- 12 and sections 38-131, 43-3342.04, 68-1530, 71-814, 71-1908, and 81-1316,
- 13 Revised Statutes Supplement, 2025, are repealed.
- 14 Sec. 38. Original section 68-949, Revised Statutes Supplement, 2024,
- 15 is repealed.
- 16 Sec. 39. The following sections are outright repealed: Sections
- 17 68-1008, 68-1101, 68-1103, 68-1104, 68-1106, 71-1795, 71-1795.02,
- 18 71-2201, 71-2202, 71-2203, 71-2204, 71-2205, 71-2207, 71-2208,
- 19 81-3133.02, 81-3134, 83-1216.02, 83-1227, and 83-1228, Reissue Revised
- 20 Statutes of Nebraska, and section 68-1105, Revised Statutes Cumulative
- 21 Supplement, 2024.
- 22 Sec. 40. Since an emergency exists, this act takes effect when
- 23 passed and approved according to law.

Senator Kauth filed the following amendment to LB304:

AM2902

(Amendments to Standing Committee amendments, AM2065)

1 1. Strike the original sections and all amendments thereto and

2 insert the following new sections:

3 Section 1. 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, 2026, or (ii) one hundred
19 ~~sixty~~^{thirty} percent of the federal poverty level on and after October 1,
20 ~~2026, through October 1, 2029.~~

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, 2026, or one hundred ~~sixty~~^{thirty} percent of the
6 federal poverty level on and after October 1, 2026, ~~through October 1,~~
7 ~~2029,~~ the family shall receive transitional child care assistance through
8 the remainder of the family's eligibility period or until the family's
9 income exceeds eighty-five percent of the state median income for a
10 family of the same size as reported by the United States Bureau of the
11 Census, whichever occurs first. When the family's eligibility period
12 ends, the family shall continue to be eligible for transitional child
13 care assistance if the family's income is below two hundred percent of
14 the federal poverty level ~~through October 1, 2029~~ ~~prior to October 1,~~
15 ~~2026, or one hundred eighty-five percent of the federal poverty level on~~
16 ~~and after October 1, 2026.~~ The family shall receive transitional child
17 care assistance through the remainder of the transitional eligibility
18 period or until the family's income exceeds eighty-five percent of the
19 state median income for a family of the same size as reported by the
20 United States Bureau of the Census, whichever occurs first. The amount of
21 such child care assistance shall be based on a cost-shared plan between
22 the recipient family and the state and shall be based on a sliding-scale
23 methodology. A recipient family may be required to contribute a
24 percentage of such family's gross income for child care that is no more
25 than the cost-sharing rates in the transitional child care assistance
26 program as of January 1, 2015, for those no longer eligible for cash
27 assistance as provided in section 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 2026, funds provided to the State of Nebraska pursuant to the Child Care
15 and Development Block Grant Act of 1990, 42 U.S.C. 9857 et seq., as such
16 act and sections existed on January 1, 2023, shall be used to pay the
17 costs to the state resulting from the income eligibility changes made in
18 subdivisions (2)(a) and (b) of this section by Laws 2021, LB485. If the
19 available amount of such funds is insufficient to pay such costs, then
20 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 It is the intent of the Legislature that, beginning October 1, 2026, the
23 Nebraska Health Care Cash Fund shall be used to pay the costs to the
24 state resulting from the income eligibility changes made in subdivisions
25 (2)(a) and (b) of this section by this legislative bill. No General Funds
26 shall be used to pay the costs to the state, other than administration
27 costs, resulting from the income eligibility changes made in subdivisions
28 (2)(a) and (b) of this section by Laws 2021, LB485, for the period
29 beginning July 1, 2021, through September 30, 2026.

30 ~~(d) The Department of Health and Human Services shall collaborate~~
31 ~~with a private nonprofit organization with expertise in early childhood~~
1 ~~care and education for an independent evaluation of the income~~
2 ~~eligibility changes made in subdivisions (2)(a) and (b) of this section~~
3 ~~by Laws 2021, LB485, if private funding is made available for such~~
4 ~~purpose. The evaluation shall be completed by July 1, 2024, and shall be~~
5 ~~submitted electronically to the department and to the Health and Human~~
6 ~~Services Committee of the Legislature.~~

7 (3) In determining the rate or rates to be paid by the department
8 for child care as defined in section 43-2605, the department shall adopt
9 a fixed-rate schedule for the state or a fixed-rate schedule for an area
10 of the state applicable to each child care program category of provider
11 as defined in section 71-1910 which may claim reimbursement for services
12 provided by the federal Child Care Subsidy program, except that the
13 department shall not pay a rate higher than that charged by an individual
14 provider to that provider's private clients. The schedule may provide
15 separate rates for care for infants, for children with special needs,
16 including disabilities or technological dependence, or for other
17 individual categories of children. The schedule may also provide tiered
18 rates based upon a quality scale rating of step three or higher under the
19 Step Up to Quality Child Care Act. The schedule shall be effective on
20 October 1 of every year and shall be revised annually by the department.
21 Sec. 2. Section 68-1724, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement,
22 2024, is amended to read:

23 68-1724 (1) Cash assistance shall be provided for a period or
24 periods of time not to exceed a total of sixty months for recipient
25 families with children subject to the following:

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

29 (b) The sixty-month time period for cash assistance shall begin

30 within the first month of eligibility;

31 (c) When no longer eligible to receive cash assistance, assistance
1 shall be available to reimburse work-related child care expenses even if
2 the recipient family has not achieved economic self-sufficiency. The
3 amount of such assistance shall be based on a cost-shared plan between
4 the recipient family and the state which shall provide assistance up to
5 two hundred percent of the federal poverty level prior to October 1,
6 2026, or one hundred eighty-five percent of the federal poverty level on
7 and after October 1, 2026, through October 1, 2029. A recipient family
8 may be required to contribute up to twenty percent of such family's gross
9 income for child care. It is the intent of the Legislature that
10 transitional health care coverage be made available on a sliding-scale
11 basis to individuals and families with incomes up to one hundred eighty-
12 five percent of the federal poverty level if other health care coverage
13 is not available; and

14 (d) The self-sufficiency contract shall be revised and cash
15 assistance extended when there is no job available for adult members of
16 the recipient family. It is the intent of the Legislature that available
17 job shall mean a job which results in an income of at least equal to the
18 amount of cash assistance that would have been available if receiving
19 assistance minus unearned income available to the recipient family.
20 The department shall develop policy guidelines to allow for cash
21 assistance to persons who have received the maximum cash assistance
22 provided by this section and who face extreme hardship without additional
23 assistance. For purposes of this section, extreme hardship means a
24 recipient family does not have adequate cash resources to meet the costs
25 of the basic needs of food, clothing, and housing without continuing
26 assistance or the child or children are at risk of losing care by and
27 residence with their parent or parents.

28 (e) It is the intent of the Legislature that, beginning October 1,
29 2026, the Nebraska Health Care Cash Fund shall be used to pay the costs
30 to the state resulting from the income eligibility changes made in this
31 section by this legislative bill.

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

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

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

9 (c) The adults in the recipient family shall ensure that the minor
10 children regularly attend school. Education is a valuable personal
11 resource. The cash assistance provided to the recipient family may be
12 reduced when the parent or parents have failed to take reasonable action
13 to encourage the minor children of the recipient family ages sixteen and
14 under to regularly attend school. No reduction of assistance shall be
15 such as may result in extreme hardship. It is the intent of the
16 Legislature that a process be developed to insure communication between
17 the case manager, the parent or parents, and the school to address issues
18 relating to school attendance;

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

22 (e) For minor parents, the assistance payment shall be based on the
23 minor parent's income. If the minor parent lives with at least one
24 parent, the family's income shall be considered in determining
25 eligibility and cash assistance payment levels for the minor parent. If
26 the minor parent lives independently, support shall be pursued from the
27 parents of the minor parent. If the absent parent of the minor's child is

28 a minor, support from his or her parents shall be pursued. Support from
29 parents as allowed under this subdivision shall not be pursued when the
30 family income is less than three hundred percent of the federal poverty
31 guidelines; and

1 (f) For adults who are not biological or adoptive parents or
2 stepparents of the child or children in the family, if assistance is
3 requested for the entire family, including the adults, a self-sufficiency
4 contract shall be entered into as provided in section 68-1719. If
5 assistance is requested for only the child or children in such a family,
6 such children shall be eligible after consideration of the family's
7 income and if (i) the family cooperates in pursuing child support and
8 (ii) the minor children of the family regularly attend school.

9 Sec. 3. Original sections 68-1206 and 68-1724, Revised Statutes
10 Cumulative Supplement, 2024, are repealed.

GENERAL FILE

LEGISLATIVE BILL 1256. Title read. Considered.

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

LEGISLATIVE BILL 952. Title read. Considered.

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

LEGISLATIVE BILL 998. Title read. Considered.

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

LEGISLATIVE BILL 737. Title read. Considered.

Advanced to Enrollment and Review Initial with 42 ayes, 0 nays, and
7 present and not voting.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 1108. Title read. Considered.

Advanced to Enrollment and Review Initial with 43 ayes, 0 nays, and
6 present and not voting.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 1216. Title read. Considered.

Committee [AM2440](#), found on page 1054, was offered.

The committee amendment was adopted with 35 ayes, 0 nays, and
14 present and not voting.

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

SELECT FILE

LEGISLATIVE BILL 753. Senator Kauth withdrew [FA382](#), found on page 190.

Advanced to Enrollment and Review for Engrossment.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 904. Senator Kauth withdrew [FA544](#), found on page 226.

Advanced to Enrollment and Review for Engrossment.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 1195. [ER158](#), found in this day's Journal, was offered.

ER158 was adopted.

Senator Kauth withdrew [FA855](#), found on page 451.

Advanced to Enrollment and Review for Engrossment.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 829. [ER157](#), found in this day's Journal, was offered.

ER157 was adopted.

Senator Kauth withdrew [FA458](#), found on page 196.

Advanced to Enrollment and Review for Engrossment.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 1253. [ER161](#), found in this day's Journal, was offered.

ER161 was adopted.

Senator Kauth withdrew [FA913](#), found on page 455.

Advanced to Enrollment and Review for Engrossment.

GENERAL FILE

LEGISLATIVE BILL 304. Senator DeBoer offered [MO532](#), found on page 1190, to indefinitely postpone pursuant to Rule 6, Sec. 3(f).

Senator DeBoer opened on LB304.

Senator DeBoer opened on MO532.

SPEAKER ARCH PRESIDING**PRESIDENT KELLY PRESIDING**

Pending.

COMMITTEE REPORT(S)
Enrollment and Review

LEGISLATIVE BILL 847. Placed on Final Reading with the attached statement.

ST76

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

1. In the E&R amendments, ER135, on page 28, line 30, "subsection" has been struck, shown as stricken, and "section" inserted.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 967. Placed on Final Reading with the attached statement.

ST73

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

1. In the E&R amendments, ER138, on page 1, line 4, "section" has been struck and "sections 44-116 and" inserted; in line 6 "to change a transfer from the Department of Insurance Cash Fund;" has been inserted after the semicolon; and in line 21 "to prohibit health insurance plans from restricting certain claim payment methods;" has been inserted after the first semicolon.

2. In the Standing Committee amendments, AM2324:

- a. On page 11, line 22, "8" has been struck and "9" inserted;
- b. On page 24, line 11, "15 to 24" has been struck and "16 to 25" inserted;
- c. On page 26, line 6, "22" has been struck and "23" inserted;
- d. On page 28, line 25, "20" has been struck and "21" inserted;
- e. On page 29, line 1, "20" has been struck and "21" inserted; and in line 18 "17" has been struck and "18" inserted; and
- f. On page 31, line 5, "20" has been struck and "21" inserted; in line 8 "22" has been struck and "23" inserted; and in line 11 "section" has been struck and "sections 44-116 and" inserted.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 1071. Placed on Final Reading with the attached statement.

ST75

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

1. On page 1, the matter beginning with "appropriations" in line 1 through line 17 and all amendments thereto have been struck and "appropriations, to amend Laws 2025, LB48A, section 1; Laws 2025, LB177A, section 1; Laws 2025, LB261, sections 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 22, 23, 24, 26, 27, 28, 29, 31, 39, 51, 52, 54, 67, 69, 71, 72, 73, 74, 77, 78, 81, 82, 87, 91, 92, 93, 94, 97, 99, 100, 102, 103, 105, 106, 107, 108, 113, 114, 127, 128, 131, 132, 133, 135, 145, 153, 154, 155, 156, 157, 158, 159, 162, 164, 174, 175, 176, 182, 186, 187, 202, 211, 214, 215, 218, 220, 222, 225, 228, 229, 231, 232, 245, 246, 248, 255, 258, 269, 276, 279, 280, 285, 300, 302, 303, 304, 305, 306, and 308; Laws 2025, LB293A, section 1; and Laws 2025, LB298A, section 2; to define terms; to provide, change, and eliminate provisions related to appropriations for the expenses of Nebraska State Government for the biennium ending June 30, 2027; to provide severability; to repeal the original sections; to outright repeal Laws 2025, LB150A, section 1; Laws 2025, LB261, sections 247, 256, 257, 260, 261, 262, 263, 265, and 266; Laws 2025, LB298A, section 1; and Laws 2025, LB382A, section 1; and to declare an emergency." inserted.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 1072. Placed on Final Reading Second with the attached statement.

[ST77](#)

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

1. In the Final Reading copy, on page 130, lines 17 and 18, the new matter has been struck and the stricken matter reinstated.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 1133. Placed on Final Reading Second.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 1075. Placed on Select File with amendment.

[ER171](#)

1 1. On page 1, strike beginning with "government" in line 1 through
 2 line 22 and insert "government; to amend sections 32-228, 32-806, 32-917,
 3 32-945, 32-948, 32-949, 32-1034, 32-1035, 32-1516, 49-1403, 49-1449,
 4 49-1449.01, 49-1450, 49-1451, 49-1455, 49-1458, 49-1463, 49-1467,
 5 49-1469.08, 49-1478.01, 49-1479.01, 49-1479.02, 49-1483.03, 49-1488.01,
 6 and 69-1315, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, sections 32-235,
 7 32-559, 32-622.01, 32-802, 32-903, 32-915.03, 32-942, 32-947, 32-949.01,
 8 32-953, 32-956, 32-957, 32-1002.01, 32-1010, 32-1027, 32-1031, 32-1121,
 9 32-1203, 32-1524, 49-1401, 49-1461, and 49-1479.03, Revised Statutes
 10 Cumulative Supplement, 2024, and sections 32-101, 32-617, 32-624,
 11 32-624.01, 32-803, 32-912, 32-1013, 32-1032, 32-1044, 32-1119, and
 12 69-1317, Revised Statutes Supplement, 2025; to provide for the
 13 establishment of a database of financial information from all counties
 14 and municipalities in the state; to provide a duty to the village board
 15 of trustees and powers to the village clerk; to change provisions
 16 relating to vacancies in a village board; to change provisions relating
 17 to election workers, candidate name changes, candidate filing forms,
 18 political party rules, notices of election, photographic identification
 19 requirements, voting, precinct boundaries, ballots, special elections by
 20 mail, recounts, election expenses, prohibited activities, petitions,
 21 watchers and observers, records available for public inspection, county
 22 canvassing boards, delivery of the abstract of votes, and penalties under
 23 the Election Act; to define terms, change fees, change requirements for
 24 statements of organization, campaign statements, and independent
 25 expenditure advocating, eliminate a method of filing a report, change
 26 provisions relating to foreign nationals, and require shielding of donor
 27 identification and principals to pay a late filing fee under the Nebraska
 1 Political Accountability and Disclosure Act; to change provisions
 2 relating to a statute of limitation, the treatment of proceeds, and fund
 3 balance limitations relating to unclaimed property; to create a trust
 4 fund; to provide duties for the State Treasurer; to eliminate provisions
 5 relating to initiative and referendum petitions; to harmonize provisions;
 6 to provide operative dates; to repeal the original sections; to outright
 7 repeal section 32-1406, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; and to
 8 declare an emergency."

LEGISLATIVE BILL 525. Placed on Select File with amendment.

[ER166](#) is available in the Bill Room.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 1212. Placed on Select File with amendment.

[ER167](#)

1 1. On page 1, strike beginning with "the" in line 1 through line 5
 2 and insert "the Uniform Credentialing Act; to amend sections 38-2001 and
 3 38-2002, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024; to define terms;
 4 to provide for licensure of internationally trained physicians as
 5 prescribed; to harmonize provisions; to provide an operative date; and to
 6 repeal the original sections."

LEGISLATIVE BILL 815. Placed on Select File with amendment.
[ER168](#) is available in the Bill Room.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 1165. Placed on Select File with amendment.
[ER170](#)

1 1. In the Standing Committee amendments, AM2504, on page 49, line
2 24, strike "81-12,146,".
3 2. On page 1, strike beginning with "revenue" in line 1 through line
4 15 and insert "revenue and taxation; to amend sections 49-801.01,
5 81-12,144, 81-12,147, 81-12,148, and 81-12,149, Reissue Revised Statutes
6 of Nebraska, sections 77-5723, 77-5735, and 77-6832, Revised Statutes
7 Cumulative Supplement, 2024, and sections 13-2603, 77-6538, and 77-6831,
8 Revised Statutes Supplement, 2025; to adopt the Grow the Good Life Act;
9 to provide an income tax credit; to redefine a term under the Convention
10 Center Facility Financing Assistance Act; to change the time period in
11 which the required levels of employment and investment must be met for
12 certain projects under the Nebraska Advantage Act; to change provisions
13 relating to credit percentages and credit use for costs incurred by
14 employees for dependent childcare under the ImagiNE Nebraska Act; to
15 define a term and provide for capital improvement grants to certain
16 employers and certain cities of the first class under the Site and
17 Building Development Act; to create a grant program managed by the
18 Department of Labor to provide additional support to certain employers
19 experiencing a change of ownership and control to retain or attract
20 workforce in the state; to harmonize provisions; to provide operative
21 dates; to provide severability; to repeal the original sections; and to
22 declare an emergency."

LEGISLATIVE BILL 1029. Placed on Select File.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 764. Placed on Select File.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 1057. Placed on Select File.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 852. Placed on Select File.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 1261A. Placed on Select File.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 935. Placed on Select File with amendment.
[ER163](#) is available in the Bill Room.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 1091. Placed on Select File.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 1209. Placed on Select File.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 1050. Placed on Select File with amendment.
[ER169](#)

1 1. On page 1, strike beginning with "schools" in line 1 through line
2 7 and insert "schools; to amend sections 79-11,156, 79-11,157,
3 79-11,157.01, 79-2601, 79-2602, 79-2603, 79-2604, 79-2605, 79-2606, and
4 79-2607, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; to provide requirements
5 for the State Department of Education and school districts relating to
6 screening for dyslexia; to limit advancement to grade four under the
7 Nebraska Reading Improvement Act; to provide duties to school boards and
8 the State Department of Education; to harmonize provisions; and to repeal
9 the original sections."

(Signed) Dunixi Guereca, Chairperson

MOTION(S) - Confirmation Report(s)

Senator Jacobson moved the adoption of the Banking, Commerce and Insurance Committee report for the confirmation of the following appointment(s) found on page 1201:

Department of Economic Development
Maureen Larsen

ARCH PRESIDING

Voting in the affirmative, 32:

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

Voting in the negative, 1:

Clouse

Present and not voting, 12:

Cavanaugh, J.	Dungan	Juarez	Riepe
Cavanaugh, M.	Guereca	Quick	Rountree
Conrad	Hunt	Raybould	Spivey

Excused and not voting, 4:

Bostar	Fredrickson	Hansen	Lonowski
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The appointment was confirmed with 32 ayes, 1 nay, 12 present and not voting, and 4 excused and not voting.

GENERAL FILE

LEGISLATIVE BILL 304. Senator DeBoer renewed [MO532](#), found on page 1190 and considered in this day's Journal, to indefinitely postpone pursuant to Rule 6, Sec. 3(f).

Senator DeBoer asked unanimous consent to withdraw her motion to indefinitely postpone prior to the bill being read.

No objections. So ordered.

Title read. Considered.

Committee [AM2065](#), found on page 1101, was offered.

Senator DeBoer offered [MO533](#), found on page 1190, to bracket until April 17, 2026.

Senator DeBoer asked unanimous consent to withdraw her motion to bracket.

No objections. So ordered.

Senator DeBoer offered [MO534](#), found on page 1190, to recommit to the Health and Human Services Committee.

Senator DeBoer asked unanimous consent to withdraw her motion to recommit to committee.

No objections. So ordered.

Senator DeBoer offered [FA1086](#), found on page 1190, to the committee amendment.

Pending.

EASE

The Legislature was at ease from 5:29 p.m. until 6:00 p.m.

PRESIDENT KELLY PRESIDING

AMENDMENT(S) - Print in Journal

Senator Dover filed the following amendment to [LB596](#):
[AM2987](#)

(Amendments to E and R amendments, ER140)

- 1 1. Insert the following new sections:
- 2 Sec. 13. Section 81-885.03, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is
- 3 amended to read:
- 4 81-885.03 (1) Any person who, directly or indirectly for another,
- 5 with the intention or upon the promise of receiving any form of
- 6 compensation or consideration, offers, attempts, or agrees to perform or
- 7 performs any single act described in subdivision (2) of section
- 8 81-885.01, whether as a part of a transaction, or as an entire
- 9 transaction, shall be deemed a broker, associate broker, or salesperson
- 10 within the meaning of the Nebraska Real Estate License Act, and such
- 11 action shall constitute sufficient contact with the state for the
- 12 exercise of personal jurisdiction over such person in any action arising
- 13 out of such action. Committing a single act described in such subdivision
- 14 by a person required to be licensed under the Nebraska Real Estate
- 15 License Act and not so licensed shall constitute a violation of the act
- 16 for which the commission may impose sanctions pursuant to this section
- 17 for the protection of the public health, safety, or welfare.

18 (2) Notwithstanding any other provision of the law to the contrary,
 19 the director may issue a cease and desist order against any person who
 20 violates this section by performing any action described in subsection
 21 (1) of this section without the appropriate license. Such order shall be
 22 final ten days after issuance unless the violator requests a hearing
 23 before the commission pursuant to section 81-885.25.

24 (3) If such person violates a cease and desist order issued pursuant
 25 to this section, he or she shall be subject to further proceedings before
 26 the commission. If, during such proceedings, the commission makes a
 1 finding of guilt, the commission may impose a fine not to exceed (a) one
 2 thousand dollars for each day that any action is performed without the
 3 appropriate license following the issuance of the order or (b) the amount
 4 of all money earned as commission by the violator, whichever is greater.
 5 Judgments for the collection of any fine imposed under this section may
 6 be filed in the district court of any county in this state.

7 (4) Notice and hearing requirements under this section shall be in
 8 accordance with the Administrative Procedure Act.
 9 Sec. 14. Section 81-885.07, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is
 10 amended to read:

11 81-885.07 (1)(a) There is hereby created the State Real Estate
 12 Commission which shall consist of the Secretary of State, who shall be
 13 chairperson of the commission, and six members appointed by the Governor.
 14 (b) Three of the members of the commission appointed by the Governor
 15 shall be active and licensed real estate brokers who have engaged in the
 16 real estate business as brokers or associate brokers for not less than
 17 five years, which members shall be appointed by the Governor, one from
 18 each of the three congressional districts. If a boundary of a
 19 congressional district changes, a member affected by such change shall
 20 continue to serve the balance of the term of appointment for the district
 21 for which such member was appointed.

22 (c) The remaining members shall be appointed at large, one of whom
 23 shall be representative of the public, one of whom shall be a licensed
 24 real estate salesperson who has engaged in the real estate business as a
 25 salesperson for not less than three years, and one of whom shall be an
 26 active and licensed real estate broker who has engaged in the real estate
 27 business as a broker or associate broker for not less than five years.

28 (2) At the expiration of the term of any member of the commission,
 29 the Governor shall appoint a successor for a term of six years. Any
 30 appointed member shall be limited to one six-year term, in addition to
 31 any partial term served. In the event of a vacancy on the commission, the
 1 Governor shall fill such vacancy by appointing a member to serve during
 2 the unexpired term of the member whose office has become vacant. In the
 3 absence of the chairperson, the senior member of the commission in point
 4 of service present shall serve as presiding officer. Not less than four
 5 members of the commission must be present at any official meeting of the
 6 commission. The action of the majority of the members of the commission
 7 shall be deemed the action of the commission. No appointed person may act
 8 as a member of the commission while holding any other elective or
 9 appointive state or federal office.

10 (3) Each member of the commission shall receive as compensation for
 11 each day actually spent on official duties at scheduled meetings the sum
 12 of one hundred dollars and expenses incurred in the performance of
 13 official duties as provided in sections 81-1174 to 81-1177.

14 (4) The commission shall employ a director ~~and deputy director~~ who
 15 shall keep a record of all the proceedings, transactions, communications,
 16 and official acts of the commission, be ~~custodian~~ ~~custodian~~ of all the
 17 records of the commission, and perform such other duties as the
 18 commission may require. The director shall call a meeting of the
 19 commission at the discretion of the director or upon the direction of the
 20 chairperson or upon a written request of two or more members of the

21 commission. The commission may employ such other employees as may be
 22 necessary to properly carry out the Nebraska Real Estate License Act, fix
 23 the salaries of such employees, and make such other expenditures as are
 24 necessary to properly carry out the act. The office of the commission
 25 shall be maintained in Lincoln and all files, records, and property of
 26 the commission shall remain in such office. Neither the director, deputy
 27 director, nor any employee of the commission may be an officer or paid
 28 employee of any real estate association or group of real estate dealers
 29 or brokers.

30 (5) The commission may adopt and promulgate rules and regulations
 31 relating to the administration of but not inconsistent with the act.

1 (6) The commission may conduct or assist in conducting real estate
 2 institutes and seminars and incur and pay the necessary expenses in
 3 connection therewith, which institutes or seminars shall be open to all
 4 licensees.

5 (7) The commission may charge reasonable fees for services it
 6 renders, not to exceed the actual costs thereof, except as otherwise
 7 provided in the act. The fees established by the commission pursuant to
 8 the act shall be established at the level necessary to meet expenditures
 9 of the commission as approved by the Legislature and to provide a
 10 sufficient cash fund balance.

11 Sec. 15. Section 81-885.25, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is
 12 amended to read:

13 81-885.25 (1) Before the commission censures a licensee, imposes a
 14 civil fine, or revokes or suspends a license, or issues a cease and
 15 desist order, the commission shall send to the licensee or violator a
 16 copy of the complaint by registered mail, certified mail, first-class
 17 mail using intelligent mail barcode or another similar tracking method
 18 used or approved by the United States Postal Service, or a designated
 19 delivery service as provided in section 25-505.01, which contains the
 20 charges against the licensee or violator and, unless the licensee or
 21 violator waives the right to a hearing and has executed a consent order,
 22 give the licensee or violator a hearing on the matter.

23 (2) The licensee or violator shall have full authority to be heard
 24 in person or by counsel before the commission in reference to such
 25 charges. The commission shall, at least twenty days prior to the date set
 26 for hearing, notify the licensee or violator in writing of the date and
 27 place of the hearing. Such notice may be served by delivering it
 28 personally to the licensee or violator or by sending it by either
 29 registered mail, certified mail, first-class mail using intelligent mail
 30 barcode or another similar tracking method used or approved by the United
 31 States Postal Service, or a designated delivery service as provided in
 1 section 25-505.01, to the last-known business address of such licensee or
 2 any known address of the violator. If the licensee is an associate broker
 3 or a salesperson, the commission shall also notify the broker employing
 4 the licensee by mailing a copy of such notice to the broker's last-known
 5 business address.

6 2. Renumber the remaining sections and correct the repealer
 7 accordingly.

Senator Murman filed the following amendment to [LB937](#):
[AM2916](#)

(Amendments to Standing Committee amendments, AM2454)

1 1. Strike section 2 and insert the following new section:

2 Sec. 2. (1) For any report of child abuse or neglect resulting in an
 3 active investigation by the department where the subject of the report is
 4 a parent or legal guardian of a student or an educational decisionmaker
 5 for a student, the department shall notify the superintendent of such
 6 student's resident school district and the Commissioner of Education that
 7 such student shall not be transferred or otherwise disenrolled from the

8 student's current school by a parent, legal guardian, or educational
 9 decisionmaker for fourteen days after receipt of the notice or until
 10 further notice from the department, whichever occurs first.
 11 (2) The subject of the report for whom a notice has been provided in
 12 accordance with this section shall not transfer or otherwise disenroll
 13 such student from the student's current school for fourteen days after
 14 receipt of the notice or until further notice from the department,
 15 whichever occurs first. Any new election filed under section 79-1601 for
 16 such student to attend an exempt school shall be invalid during such time
 17 period.
 18 (3) If an election is filed under section 79-1601 in violation of
 19 this section or if such student's resident school district receives a
 20 request to transfer or disenroll such student or a notification of a
 21 request to transfer or disenroll from a school that is not operated by
 22 the resident school district, the Commissioner of Education or the school
 23 district shall immediately notify the department of the filing or the
 24 request and that such notice is being given pursuant to this section.
 25 (4) Notices pursuant to this section are confidential investigation
 26 records and shall not contain any information other than the name of the
 1 student and whether or not to allow such student to transfer or otherwise
 2 disenroll from the school pursuant to this section.
 3 (5) The department may adopt and promulgate rules and regulations to
 4 carry out this section.
 5 2. On page 11, strike lines 18 through 22 and insert the following
 6 new subdivision:
 7 "(c) May require any student desiring to participate in an
 8 extracurricular activity that is not governed by a national or state
 9 organization or an athletics or activities association to be enrolled in
 10 up to five credit hours offered by the school district in any semester in
 11 order to participate in such extracurricular activity, but may not
 12 prohibit a student from enrolling in more than such required number of
 13 credit hours;"
 14 3. On page 14, line 29, strike "No" and insert "Beginning with the
 15 2027-28 school year, no"; and in line 31 strike "employ or contract for
 16 the paid services of" and insert "hire".
 17 4. On page 15, line 14, strike "subdivision (2)(a)(i)" and insert
 18 "subdivisions (2)(a)(i) and (2)(b)"; in line 15 strike "such"; and in
 19 line 16 after "subdivision" insert "(2)(a)(i) of this section".
 20 5. On page 17, line 27, strike "board of education" and insert
 21 "governing authority".

Senator Bosn filed the following amendment to [LB1181A](#):
[AM2983](#)

1 1. On page 2, lines 2 and 10, strike "FY2025-26" and insert
 2 "FY2026-27"; and in lines 3 and 13 strike "FY2026-27" and insert
 3 "FY2027-28".

BILL ON FIRST READING

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

LEGISLATIVE BILL 1032A. Introduced by DeBoer, 10.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to appropriations; to appropriate funds to aid in carrying out the provisions of Legislative Bill 1032, One Hundred Ninth Legislature, Second Session, 2026.

GENERAL FILE

LEGISLATIVE BILL 803. Senator Conrad offered [MO539](#), found on page 1201, to indefinitely postpone pursuant to Rule 6, Sec. 3(f).

Senator von Gillern opened on LB803.

Senator Conrad opened on MO539.

Senator Conrad asked unanimous consent to withdraw her motion to indefinitely postpone prior to the bill being read.

No objections. So ordered.

Title read. Considered.

Committee [AM2651](#), found on page 1094, was offered.

Senator Conrad offered [MO540](#), found on page 1201, to bracket until April 17, 2026.

Senator Conrad asked unanimous consent to withdraw her motion to bracket.

No objections. So ordered.

Senator Conrad offered [MO541](#), found on page 1201, to recommit to the Revenue Committee.

Senator Conrad asked unanimous consent to withdraw her motion recommit to committee.

No objections. So ordered.

Senator Hallstrom asked unanimous consent to withdraw [AM2756](#), found on page 1195, and replace it with substitute amendment, [AM2967](#), to the committee amendment.

[AM2967](#)

(Amendments to Standing Committee amendments, AM2651)

- 1 1. Strike sections 21 and 23 and insert the following new sections:
- 2 Sec. 21. Section 2, Legislative Bill 901, One Hundred Ninth
- 3 Legislature, Second Session, 2026, is amended to read:
- 4 Sec. 2. (1) For taxable years beginning or deemed to begin on or
- 5 after January 1, 2027, under the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as
- 6 amended, there shall be allowed refundable credits against the income tax
- 7 imposed by the Nebraska Revenue Act of 1967 as follows:
- 8 (a) Two hundred forty thousand dollars of tax credits to be
- 9 distributed equally among qualifying domestic violence and sexual assault
- 10 programs run by tribal governments;
- 11 (b) One hundred fifty thousand dollars of tax credits to be
- 12 distributed to a statewide coalition representing nonprofit organizations
- 13 that have an affiliation agreement with the Department of Health and

14 Human Services to provide services to victims of domestic abuse under the
 15 Protection from Domestic Abuse Act;
 16 (c) One million forty-four thousand dollars of tax credits to be
 17 distributed equally to ~~the entities~~ described in
 18 ~~subdivisions (a) and (b)~~ of this subsection and any other
 19 nonprofit organizations that operate a shelter for victims of domestic
 20 violence or human trafficking; and
 21 (d) One million five hundred sixty-six thousand dollars of tax
 22 credits to be distributed to ~~the entities~~ described in
 23 ~~subdivisions (a) and (b)~~ of this subsection and any other
 24 nonprofit organizations that operate a shelter for victims of domestic
 25 violence or human trafficking as follows:
 26 (i) One million two hundred fifty-two thousand eight hundred dollars
 1 of tax credits to be distributed based on the population of the program
 2 or service area as shown by the latest federal decennial census or as
 3 determined by the department if such census data is not available; and
 4 (ii) Three hundred thirteen thousand two hundred dollars of tax
 5 credits to be distributed based on the square miles of the program or
 6 service area.
 7 (2) The department shall distribute all of the credits allowed under
 8 the Domestic Violence and Human Trafficking Service Providers Tax Credit
 9 Act each calendar year.
 10 (3) For purposes of this section:
 11 (a) Department means the Department of Revenue;
 12 (b) Nonprofit organization means an organization organized under
 13 section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended; and
 14 (c) Tribal has the same meaning as in section 71-914.02.
 15 Sec. 22. Sections 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 21, 25, and 26 of this act
 16 become operative on January 1, 2027. Sections 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 13,
 17 20, and 24 of this act become operative three calendar months after the
 18 adjournment of this legislative session. The other sections of this act
 19 become operative on their effective date.
 20 Sec. 24. Original sections 13-3403 and 77-2716, Revised Statutes
 21 Supplement, 2025, are repealed.
 22 Sec. 25. Original section 77-1315, Reissue Revised Statutes of
 23 Nebraska, sections 77-1502, 77-1601, and 77-1776, Revised Statutes
 24 Cumulative Supplement, 2024, section 77-1632, Revised Statutes
 25 Supplement, 2025, and section 2, Legislative Bill 901, One Hundred Ninth
 26 Legislature, Second Session, 2026, are repealed.
 27 2. On page 16, line 3, after "subdivision" insert "listed above" and
 28 strike "June 15" and insert "June 1"; in line 4 after "each" insert
 29 "listed"; in line 23 strike "June 15" and insert "June 1"; in line 30
 30 after the underscored period insert "For purposes of this subsection,
 31 political subdivision means a county, city, or school district."; and in
 1 line 31 strike "June 15" and insert "June 1".
 2 3. On page 21, strike beginning with "(1)" in line 13 through line
 3 15 and insert the following new subsection:
 4 "(1) For purposes of this section:
 5 (a) Political subdivision means a county, city, village, school
 6 district, learning community, sanitary and improvement district, natural
 7 resources district, or community college; and
 8 (b) Property tax request means the total amount of property taxes
 9 requested to be raised for a political subdivision through the levy
 10 imposed pursuant to section 77-1601."; and strike beginning with "county"
 11 in line 17 through "college" in line 20, show as stricken, and insert
 12 "political subdivision".
 13 4. On page 22, strike beginning with "county" in line 10 through
 14 "college" in line 13, show as stricken, and insert "political
 15 subdivision".
 16 5. Renumber the remaining sections accordingly.

Senator Conrad objected.

Senator Hallstrom offered the following motion:

[MO553](#)

Withdraw AM2756 and substitute AM2967.

The Hallstrom motion to withdraw and substitute prevailed with 34 ayes, 0 nays, 12 present and not voting, and 3 excused and not voting.

Senator Hallstrom offered [AM2967](#), found in this day's Journal, to the committee amendment.

Senator Hallstrom withdrew and refiled [AM2967](#).

Senator Hallstrom withdrew the following amendments:

[FA1102](#), found on page 1195, to the committee amendment.

[FA1103](#), found on page 1195, to the committee amendment.

Senator Andersen offered the following amendment to the committee amendment:

[AM2912](#)

(Amendments to Standing Committee amendments, AM2651)

1 1. Insert the following new sections:

2 Sec. 21. Section 77-3506, Revised Statutes Supplement, 2025, is

3 amended to read:

4 77-3506 (1) All homesteads in this state shall be assessed for
5 taxation the same as other property, except that there shall be exempt
6 from taxation, on any homestead described in subsection (2) of this
7 section, one hundred percent of the exempt amount.

8 (2) The exemption described in subsection (1) of this section shall
9 apply to homesteads of:

10 (a) A veteran who was discharged or otherwise separated with a
11 characterization of honorable or general (under honorable conditions),
12 who is drawing compensation from the United States Department of Veterans
13 Affairs because of (i) one hundred percent service-connected permanent
14 disability or (ii) assignment of total disability rating for compensation
15 pursuant to 38 C.F.R. 4.16, and who is not eligible for total exemption
16 under sections 77-3526 to 77-3528;

17 (b) An unremarried surviving spouse of a veteran described in
18 subdivision (2)(a) of this section or a surviving spouse of such a
19 veteran who remarries after attaining the age of fifty-seven years;

20 (c) A veteran who was discharged or otherwise separated with a
21 characterization of honorable or general (under honorable conditions),
22 who is drawing compensation from the United States Department of Veterans
23 Affairs because of one hundred percent service-connected temporary
24 disability, and who is not eligible for total exemption under sections
25 77-3526 to 77-3528, an unremarried surviving spouse of such a veteran, or
26 a surviving spouse of such a veteran who remarries after attaining the
1 age of fifty-seven years;

2 (d) An unremarried surviving spouse of any veteran, including a
3 veteran other than a veteran described in section 80-401.01, who was
4 discharged or otherwise separated with a characterization of honorable or
5 general (under honorable conditions) and who died because of a service-
6 connected disability or a surviving spouse of such a veteran who
7 remarries after attaining the age of fifty-seven years;

8 (e) An unremarried surviving spouse of a serviceman or servicewoman,
9 including a veteran other than a veteran described in section 80-401.01,

10 whose death while on active duty was service-connected or a surviving
 11 spouse of such a serviceman or servicewoman who remarries after attaining
 12 the age of fifty-seven years; and

13 (f) An unremarried surviving spouse of a serviceman or servicewoman
 14 who died while on active duty during the periods described in section
 15 80-401.01 or a surviving spouse of such a serviceman or servicewoman who
 16 remarries after attaining the age of fifty-seven years.

17 (3) Application for exemption under subdivision (2)(a), (b), (d),
 18 (e), or (f) of this section shall not be required in any every subsequent
 19 year evenly divisible by five and shall include certification of the
 20 status described in subdivision (2)(a) of this section from the United
 21 States Department of Veterans Affairs. Application for exemption under
 22 subdivision (2)(c)(2)(b), (e), (d), (e), or (f) of this section shall be
 23 required annually and shall include certification of the status described
 24 in subdivision (2)(c)(2)(b), (e), (d), (e), or (f) of this section from
 25 the United States Department of Veterans Affairs, except that such
 26 certification of status shall only be required in every subsequent year
 27 evenly divisible by five.

28 (4)(a) If an unremarried surviving spouse who has been granted a
 29 homestead exemption under subdivision (2)(b), (d), (e), or (f) of this
 30 section remarries before attaining the age of fifty-seven years, such
 31 spouse shall lose the homestead exemption. The surviving spouse shall
 1 notify the county assessor of such remarriage within thirty days after
 2 the remarriage.

3 (b) If an unremarried surviving spouse who has applied for a
 4 homestead exemption under subdivision (2)(b), (d), (e), or (f) of this
 5 section remarries on or before August 15 of the year of application and
 6 before attaining the age of fifty-seven years, such spouse shall be
 7 ineligible for the homestead exemption. The surviving spouse shall notify
 8 the county assessor of such remarriage within thirty days after the
 9 remarriage.

10 Sec. 22. Section 77-3510, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is
 11 amended to read:

12 77-3510 On or before February 1 of each year, the Tax Commissioner
 13 shall prescribe forms to be used by all claimants for homestead exemption
 14 or for transfer of homestead exemption. Such forms shall contain
 15 provisions for the showing of all information which the Tax Commissioner
 16 may deem necessary to (1) enable the county officials and the Tax
 17 Commissioner to determine whether each claim for exemption under sections
 18 77-3506, 77-3507, and 77-3508 should be allowed and (2) enable the county
 19 assessor to determine whether each claim for transfer of homestead
 20 exemption pursuant to section 77-3509.01 should be allowed. It shall be
 21 the duty of the county assessor of each county in this state to furnish
 22 such forms, upon request, to each person desiring to make application for
 23 homestead exemption or for transfer of homestead exemption. The forms so
 24 prescribed shall be used uniformly throughout the state, and no
 25 application for exemption or for transfer of homestead exemption shall be
 26 allowed unless the applicant uses the prescribed form in making an
 27 application. The forms shall require an affirmation for any applicant
 28 seeking an exemption under subdivision (2)(b), (d), (e), or (f) of
 29 section 77-3506 as prescribed by the Tax Commissioner that such applicant
 30 is aware that a surviving spouse is required to notify the county
 31 assessor of any remarriage that causes the surviving spouse to be
 1 ineligible for the exemption pursuant to subsection (4) of section
 2 77-3506. The forms shall require the attachment of an income statement
 3 for any applicant seeking an exemption under section 77-3507 or 77-3508
 4 as prescribed by the Tax Commissioner fully accounting for all household
 5 income. The Tax Commissioner shall provide to each county assessor claim
 6 forms and address lists of applicants from the prior year in the manner
 7 approved by the Tax Commissioner. The application and information

8 contained on any attachments to the application shall be confidential and
 9 available to tax officials only.
 10 Sec. 23. Section 77-3512, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement,
 11 2024, is amended to read:
 12 77-3512 (1) It shall be the duty of each owner who wants a homestead
 13 exemption under section 77-3506, 77-3507, or 77-3508 to file an
 14 application therefor with the county assessor of the county in which the
 15 homestead is located after February 1 and on or before June 30 of each
 16 year, except that:
 17 (a) The county board of the county in which the homestead is located
 18 may, by majority vote, extend the deadline for an applicant to on or
 19 before July 20. An extension shall not be granted to an applicant who
 20 received an extension in the immediately preceding year;
 21 (b) An owner may file a late application pursuant to section
 22 77-3514.01 if he or she includes documentation of a medical condition
 23 which impaired the owner's ability to file the application in a timely
 24 manner;
 25 (c) An owner may file a late application pursuant to section
 26 77-3514.01 if he or she includes a copy of the death certificate of a
 27 spouse who died during the year for which the exemption is requested; and
 28 (d) A veteran or surviving spouse of a veteran, serviceman, or
 29 servicewoman qualifying for a homestead exemption under subdivision (2)
 30 (a), (b), (d), (e), or (f) of section 77-3506 shall not be required
 31 to file an application in any every subsequent year, evenly divisible by
 1 five; and
 2 (e) ~~If a veteran who has been granted a homestead exemption under~~
 3 ~~subdivision (2)(a) of section 77-3506 dies during the five-year exemption~~
 4 ~~period, the surviving spouse of such veteran shall continue to receive~~
 5 ~~such exemption for the remainder of the five-year exemption period. After~~
 6 ~~the expiration of the five-year exemption period, the surviving spouse~~
 7 ~~shall be required to file for an exemption under subdivision (2)(b) of~~
 8 ~~section 77-3506 on an annual basis.~~
 9 (2) Failure to file an application as required in subsection (1) of
 10 this section shall constitute a waiver of the exemption for the year in
 11 which the failure occurred.
 12 2. Renumber the remaining sections and correct internal references
 13 accordingly.
 14 3. Correct the operative date and repealer sections so that the
 15 sections added by this amendment become operative three calendar months
 16 after the adjournment of this legislative session.

The Andersen amendment was adopted with 39 ayes, 0 nays, 8 present and not voting, and 2 excused and not voting.

Senator von Gillern offered the following amendment to the committee amendment:

[FA1131](#)

To AM2651: On page 22, lines 3 and 27 before the last comma, insert "except for seven member boards which shall require a four sevenths majority vote,"

The von Gillern amendment was adopted with 39 ayes, 0 nays, 8 present and not voting, and 2 excused and not voting.

Senator Hallstrom reoffered [AM2967](#), found and considered in this day's Journal, to the committee amendment.

The Hallstrom amendment was adopted with 32 ayes, 0 nays, 15 present and not voting, and 2 excused and not voting.

Senator Hallstrom offered the following amendment to the committee amendment:

[FA1132](#)

To AM2967, strike Sec. 21 and renumber the sections accordingly

The Hallstrom amendment was adopted with 37 ayes, 0 nays, 10 present and not voting, and 2 excused and not voting.

The committee amendment, as amended, was adopted with 37 ayes, 0 nays, 10 present and not voting, and 2 excused and not voting.

Senator Conrad withdrew the following amendments:

[FA1109](#), found on page 1201.

[FA1110](#), found on page 1201.

Advanced to Enrollment and Review Initial with 42 ayes, 0 nays, 5 present and not voting, and 2 excused and not voting.

GENERAL FILE

LEGISLATIVE BILL 304. Committee [AM2065](#), found on page 1101 and considered in this day's Journal, was renewed.

Senator DeBoer renewed [FA1086](#), found on page 1190 and considered in this day's Journal, to the committee amendment.

The DeBoer amendment was withdrawn.

Senator DeBoer withdrew the following amendments:

[FA1087](#), found on page 1990, to the committee amendment.

[FA1088](#), found on page 1191, to the committee amendment.

Senator M. Cavanaugh withdrew the following amendments:

[FA1095](#), found on page 1195, to the committee amendment.

[FA1096](#), found on page 1195, to the committee amendment.

[FA1097](#), found on page 1195, to the committee amendment.

[FA1098](#), found on page 1195, to the committee amendment.

[FA1099](#), found on page 1195, to the committee amendment.

Senator Kauth offered [AM2902](#), found in this day's Journal, to the committee amendment.

The Kauth amendment lost with 18 ayes, 24 nays, 6 present and not voting, and 1 excused and not voting.

The committee amendment was adopted with 42 ayes, 5 nays, 1 present and not voting, and 1 excused and not voting.

Senator Hansen withdrew [FA1052](#), found on page 1048.

Senator DeBoer withdrew the following amendments:
[FA1085](#), found on page 1190, to the Hansen Amendment.
[FA1089](#), found on page 1191.

Senator Spivey withdrew [AM1712](#), found on page 1191.

Advanced to Enrollment and Review Initial with 39 ayes, 8 nays, 1 present and not voting, and 1 excused and not voting.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 304A. Title read. Considered.

Senator DeBoer offered the following amendment:

[AM2962](#)

1 1. On page 2, lines 1 and 2, strike "General" and insert "Nebraska
2 Health Care Cash"; and in lines 7 and 9 strike "General" and insert
3 "Cash".

The DeBoer amendment was adopted with 35 ayes, 5 nays, 8 present and not voting, and 1 excused and not voting.

Advanced to Enrollment and Review Initial with 32 ayes, 5 nays, 11 present and not voting, and 1 excused and not voting.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 888. Title read. Considered.

Advanced to Enrollment and Review Initial with 40 ayes, 0 nays, 7 present and not voting, and 2 excused and not voting.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 1048. Title read. Considered.

Committee [AM1957](#), found on page 685, was offered.

Senator Andersen offered the Senator Lonowski amendment, [AM2739](#), found on page 1128, to the committee amendment.

The Lonowski amendment was adopted with 38 ayes, 0 nays, 9 present and not voting, and 2 excused and not voting.

Senator Fredrickson offered the following amendment to the committee amendment:

[AM2968](#)

(Amendments to Standing Committee amendments, AM1957)

1 1. Insert the following new amendment:
2 2. Insert the following new sections:

3 Sec. 27. Section 83-176, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is
4 amended to read:

5 83-176 (1) Whenever any person is sentenced or committed under any
6 provision of law to a specific facility within the department or to the
7 custody of the warden or superintendent of such facility, he or she shall
8 be deemed to be sentenced or committed to the department.

9 (2) The director may designate as a place of confinement of a person
10 committed to the department any available, suitable, and appropriate
11 residence facility or institution, whether or not operated by the state,
12 and may at any time transfer such person from one place of confinement to
13 another.

14 (3) The director shall not designate a committed juvenile offender,
15 as described in section 83-905, to be placed or transferred to an adult
16 correctional facility.

17 Sec. 28 Section 83-905, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is
18 amended to read:

19 83-905 The Department of Correctional Services shall have oversight
20 and general control of all state adult correctional institutions and the
21 secure youth facility. The Secure Youth Confinement Facility is a
22 physically secure, coeducational facility designed to provide secure
23 confinement, education, and treatment only for serious and chronic
24 juvenile offenders who have been committed to the Department of
25 Correctional Services for secure care. No committed juvenile offender
26 shall be housed in an adult correctional facility.

The Fredrickson amendment was withdrawn.

The committee amendment, as amended, was adopted with 41 ayes, 0 nays,
6 present and not voting, and 2 excused and not voting.

Advanced to Enrollment and Review Initial with 45 ayes, 0 nays, 2 present
and not voting, and 2 excused and not voting.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 826. Title read. Considered.

Advanced to Enrollment and Review Initial with 46 ayes, 0 nays, and 3
excused and not voting.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 1086. Title read. Considered.

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

LEGISLATIVE BILL 1096. Title read. Considered.

Committee [AM2726](#), found on page 1200, was offered.

The committee amendment was adopted with 29 ayes, 11 nays, 6 present
and not voting, and 3 excused and not voting.

Senator Bostar offered [AM2313](#), found on page 852.

The Bostar amendment was withdrawn.

Advanced to Enrollment and Review Initial with 31 ayes, 9 nays, 6 present and not voting, and 3 excused and not voting.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 1096A. Title read. Considered.

Advanced to Enrollment and Review Initial with 31 ayes, 9 nays, 6 present and not voting, and 3 excused and not voting.

UNANIMOUS CONSENT - Add Cointroducer(s)

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

Senator Ballard name added to LB304.

VISITOR(S)

Visitors to the Chamber were students and teacher from Wilber-Clatonia Public Schools, Wilber and Clatonia.

ADJOURNMENT

At 9:55 p.m., on a motion by Senator Hardin, the Legislature adjourned until 9:00 a.m., Tuesday, March 31, 2026.

Brandon Metzler
Clerk of the Legislature

