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LEGISLATIVE JOURNAL

**ONE HUNDRED NINTH LEGISLATURE
SECOND SESSION**

FIFTY-FOURTH DAY

Legislative Chamber, Lincoln, Nebraska
Wednesday, April 1, 2026

PRAYER

The prayer was offered by Senator Murman.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was offered by Senator Clouse.

ROLL CALL

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

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

CORRECTIONS FOR THE JOURNAL

The Journal for the fifty-third day was approved.

RESOLUTION(S)

Pursuant to Rule 4, Sec. 5(b), LRs 469, 477, 479, 483, and 484 were adopted.

PRESIDENT SIGNED

While the Legislature was in session and capable of transacting business, the President signed the following: LRs 469, 477, 479, 483, and 484.

GENERAL FILE

LEGISLATIVE BILL 803A. Title read. Considered.

Advanced to Enrollment and Review Initial with 41 ayes, 0 nays, 4 present and not voting, and 4 excused and not voting.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 1075A. Title read. Considered.

Advanced to Enrollment and Review Initial with 36 ayes, 0 nays, 9 present and not voting, and 4 excused and not voting.

SELECT FILE

LEGISLATIVE BILL 1181A. Senator Bosn offered [AM2983](#), found on page 1380.

The Bosn amendment was adopted with 38 ayes, 0 nays, 8 present and not voting, and 3 excused and not voting.

Advanced to Enrollment and Review for Engrossment.

MOTION - Suspend Rules

Senator Clements offered his motion, found on page 1420, to suspend Rule 5, Sec. 7(f) and (g) to allow for the A bill for LB867 to be indefinitely postponed and for the appropriation for this bill to be contained in LB1209.

The Clements motion to suspend the rules prevailed with 41 ayes, 0 nays, 6 present and not voting, and 2 excused and not voting.

MOTION - Indefinitely Postpone LB867A

Senator Clements offered [MO554](#), found on page 1420, to indefinitely postpone LB867A.

The Clements motion to indefinitely postpone prevailed with 46 ayes, 0 nays, 1 present and not voting, and 2 excused and not voting.

MOTION - Suspend Rules

Speaker Arch offered his motion, found on page 1393, to suspend Rule 8, Sec. 5 to allow the passage of the appropriations bills later than the 50th legislative day.

The Arch motion to suspend the rules prevailed with 45 ayes, 0 nays, 2 present and not voting, and 2 excused and not voting.

BILLS ON FINAL READING

Dispense With Reading at Large

Pursuant to Rule 6, Sec. 8, the Legislature approved the dispensing of the reading at large of LB1071 with 42 ayes, 4 nays, 2 present and not voting, and 1 excused and not voting.

The following bill was put upon final passage:

LEGISLATIVE BILL 1071. With Emergency Clause.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to 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.

Whereupon the President stated: "All provisions of law relative to procedure having been complied with, the question is, 'Shall the bill pass with the emergency clause attached?' "

Voting in the affirmative, 35:

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

Voting in the negative, 13:

Cavanaugh, J.	DeBoer	Guereca	Quick	Spivey
Cavanaugh, M.	Dungan	McKinney	Raybould	
Conrad	Fredrickson	Prokop	Rountree	

Excused and not voting, 1:

Hunt

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

Dispense With Reading at Large

Pursuant to Rule 6, Sec. 8, the Legislature approved the dispensing of the reading at large of LB1072 with 45 ayes, 1 nay, 2 present and not voting, and 1 excused and not voting.

The following bill was put upon final passage:

LEGISLATIVE BILL 1072. With Emergency Clause.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to government; to amend sections 1-111, 2-2701, 2-2703.01, 2-2705, 2-2706, 13-2041, 29-2262.07, 37-327.01, 47-632, 48-3004, 48-3008, 54-857, 55-131, 66-733, 66-734, 66-735, 68-1604, 71-17,108, 71-3001, 71-3004, 71-3006, 71-3525, 71-3526, 79-303, 79-1035.01, 79-2607, 80-401, 81-2,174, 81-2,237, 81-1201.22, 81-1202, 81-1204, 81-1209, 81-1210.02, 81-1213.03, 81-1213.04, 81-1230, 81-12,134, 81-12,146, 81-12,147, 81-12,218, 81-1429.03, 81-1463, 81-1505.05, 81-15,303, 81-1607.01, 81-1835, 81-2105, 81-2504, 82-108.03, 82-316, 82-331, 83-915.01, 84-321, 84-512, 85-1501, 85-1503, 85-1511, 85-1515, 85-1516, 85-1521, 85-1535, 85-1539, 85-1920, and 85-3112, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, sections 9-812, 19-5707, 38-157, 43-2404.01, 43-2404.02, 44-116, 48-101.01, 48-145, 48-621, 53-117.06, 58-703, 71-2490, 71-5318, 71-7104, 74-1317, and 77-4212, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024, sections 9-1107, 37-811, 37-1804, 48-1,116, 55-901, 60-6,211.05, 61-222, 61-305, 71-7608, 71-7611, 72-1001, 77-27,144, 77-4025, 77-4602, 77-5601, 77-7305, 81-132, 81-1203, 81-1239, 81-12,110, 81-15,120, 81-15,174, 81-15,180, 84-612, 85-1412, and 85-1654, Revised Statutes Supplement, 2025, and Laws 2025, LB264, sections 6, 8, 12, 64, 69, 70, and 81; to provide requirements for implementation of the Rural Health Transformation Program; to provide, change, and eliminate provisions relating to funds and fund transfers; to provide for and change transfers from the Cash Reserve Fund; to create funds; to provide for transfer of investment earnings from certain funds; to provide for a grant from the Site and Building Development Fund; to require state agencies to provide a technology inventory as prescribed; to change the distribution of the permanent school fund, municipal sales and use taxes, proceeds under the Tobacco Products Tax Act, disbursements under the Property Tax Credit Act and the School District Property Tax Credit Act, fees under the Municipal Inland Port Authority Act, and grants under the Nebraska Operational Assistance Act; to change the disposition of workers' compensation self-insurer payments; to provide for an additional use of the Davis Scholarship Trust Fund, the Administrative Cash Fund, the Commercial Feed Administration Cash Fund, the Military Department Cash Fund, and the Victim's Compensation Fund; to change provisions relating to the Commission Grant Program, the Community-based Juvenile Services Aid Program, the Law Enforcement Attraction and Retention Act, the Nebraska Mental Health First Aid Training Act, the Nursing Faculty Student Loan Act, the Teleworker Job Creation Act, and motor fuel taxes; to restate intent regarding appropriations for reading instruction and animal

damage control; to eliminate provisions relating to tractor testing fees, job training grants, the Bioscience Innovation Program, the Critical Incident Stress Management Program, certain services requested by agencies housed in the State Capitol, certain reimbursements provided by the Department of Health and Human Services to first responders, and the Department of Revenue Enforcement Fund; to provide for termination of the Panhandle Improvement Project Cash Fund and the Superfund Cost Share Cash Fund; to eliminate the Bioscience Innovation Cash Fund, the Capitol Commission Revolving Fund, the Community College Aid Fund, the Nebraska Community College Student Performance and Occupational Education Grant Fund, the Customized Job Training Cash Fund, the Designated Collection Fund, the Economic Development Cash Fund, the Nebraska Film Office Fund, the Innovation Hub Cash Fund, the Job Training Cash Fund, the Lead-Based Paint Hazard Control Cash Fund, the Nuclear and Hydrogen Development Act, the Nuclear and Hydrogen Development Fund, the Nursing Faculty Student Loan Cash Fund, the Nebraska Soil and Plant Analysis Laboratory Act, the Soil and Plant Analysis Laboratory Cash Fund, the Nebraska Training and Support Cash Fund, the Sector Partnership Program Fund, the Small Watersheds Flood Control Fund, the State Treasurer's Land Sales Distributive Fund, the Tractor Permit Cash Fund, the Violence Prevention Cash Fund, and the Youth Outdoor Education Innovation Fund; to eliminate obsolete provisions; to harmonize provisions; to provide operative dates; to provide severability; to repeal the original sections; to outright repeal sections 2-1502, 2-1503.01, 2-1503.02, 2-1503.03, 2-2705.01, 2-3101, 2-3102, 2-3103, 2-3104, 2-3105, 2-3106, 2-3107, 2-3108, 2-3109, 2-3110, 71-17,112, 71-17,113, 71-17,116, 71-3007, 72-2205.01, 72-2211.01, 81-1220, 81-12,114, 81-12,155.01, 81-12,163.01, 81-1451, 81-2509, 81-2510, 81-2511, 81-2513, 81-2514, 81-2515, 85-1540, 85-2235, and 90-248, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, sections 66-2302, 66-2303, 66-2304, 66-2305, 66-2306, and 66-2307, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024, and sections 48-622.02, 48-3405, 66-2308, 81-1201.21, 81-1211, 81-1213.02, 81-1213.05, and 81-1216, Revised Statutes Supplement, 2025; and to declare an emergency.

Whereupon the President stated: "All provisions of law relative to procedure having been complied with, the question is, 'Shall the bill pass with the emergency clause attached?' "

Voting in the affirmative, 35:

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

Voting in the negative, 13:

Cavanaugh, J.	DeBoer	Guereca	Quick	Spivey
Cavanaugh, M.	Dungan	McKinney	Raybould	
Conrad	Fredrickson	Prokop	Rountree	

Excused and not voting, 1:

Hunt

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

The following bill was read and put upon final passage:

LEGISLATIVE BILL 1133. With Emergency Clause.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to claims against the state; to appropriate funds for the payment of certain claims; to provide for payment of the claims; to authorize agencies to write off certain claims as prescribed; and to declare an emergency.

Whereupon the President stated: "All provisions of law relative to procedure having been complied with, the question is, 'Shall the bill pass with the emergency clause attached?' "

Voting in the affirmative, 48:

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

Voting in the negative, 0.

Excused and not voting, 1:

Hunt

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

Dispense With Reading at Large

Pursuant to Rule 6, Sec. 8, the Legislature approved the dispensing of the reading at large of LB759 with 46 ayes, 1 nay, 1 present and not voting, and 1 excused and not voting.

SPEAKER ARCH PRESIDING

The following bill was put upon final passage:

LEGISLATIVE BILL 759. With Emergency Clause.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to law; to amend sections 13-2041, 54-2428, 57-1601, 57-1620, 81-1505, 81-1532, 81-1586, 81-1587, 81-15,102, 81-15,123, 81-15,124.01, 81-15,124.02, 81-15,196, 81-15,261, 81-15,265, 81-15,267, 81-15,268, 81-15,270, 81-15,273, 81-15,274, 81-15,275, 81-15,277, 81-15,288, 81-15,289, and 81-15,291, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, and sections 46-606, 46-1217, 58-712, 61-303, 73-813, 81-502, 81-1561, 81-15,262, 81-15,263, 81-15,299, 81-15,300, 81-15,313, and 81-15,315, Revised Statutes Supplement, 2025; to change provisions relating to the Integrated Solid Waste Management Cash Fund; to change fees for water wells, livestock waste control, pollutant discharge, and hazardous waste regulation; to change the membership of the Water Well Standards and Contractors' Licensing Board; to change penalty and enforcement provisions relating to the Nebraska Geologic Storage of Carbon Dioxide Act; to harmonize references regarding the Department of Water, Energy, and Environment with changes made by Laws 2025, LB317; to provide for entry upon property under the Perkins County Canal Project Act; to create the Water Quality and Quantity Cash Fund; to change provisions relating to the allocation and distribution of funds from the Nebraska Litter Reduction and Recycling Fund; to change and eliminate provisions regarding authority of the Department of Water, Energy, and Environment relating to the regulation of swimming pools, recreation camps, and mobile home parks; to require local governments to regulate swimming pools, recreation camps, and mobile home parks; to eliminate provisions relating to a private water supply and private sewage disposal facilities; to terminate the Environmental Safety Cash Fund; to eliminate obsolete provisions; to harmonize provisions; to provide operative dates; to repeal the original sections; to outright repeal sections 81-15,266, 81-15,269, 81-15,272, 81-15,276, 81-15,280, 81-15,281, 81-15,282, 81-15,283, 81-15,284, 81-15,285, 81-15,286, 81-15,287, and 81-15,290, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, and section 81-15,292, Revised Statutes Supplement, 2025; and to declare an emergency.

Whereupon the President stated: "All provisions of law relative to procedure having been complied with, the question is, 'Shall the bill pass with the emergency clause attached?' "

Voting in the affirmative, 36:

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

Voting in the negative, 12:

Andersen*	Cavanaugh, M.	Dungan	Spivey*
Ballard	Conrad	Juarez	Storer*
Cavanaugh, J.	DeBoer*	McKinney	Strommen*

Excused and not voting, 1:

Hunt

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

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

Dispense With Reading at Large

Pursuant to Rule 6, Sec. 8, the Legislature approved the dispensing of the reading at large of LB847 with 45 ayes, 1 nay, 2 present and not voting, and 1 excused and not voting.

The following bill was put upon final passage:

LEGISLATIVE BILL 847.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to labor; to amend sections 48-309, 48-1231, 48-1233, 48-1234, 48-1706, 48-2710, 48-2905, 81-406, 81-1210.01, 81-1210.02, 81-1210.03, 81-12,152, 81-12,154, 81-12,155, 81-12,158, 81-12,160, and 81-12,163, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, sections 29-431, 48-302, 48-303, and 48-2107, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024, and sections 48-602, 48-622.01, 48-648, 48-649.01, 48-657, 81-1201.21, and 81-1210.04, Revised Statutes Supplement, 2025; to adopt the Nebraska Registered Apprenticeship Act; to change and eliminate provisions relating to child labor; to redefine a term; to change provisions relating to the combined tax and the state unemployment insurance tax rate under the Employment Security Law; to provide for an annual administrative and operational support fee for certain employers under the Employment Security Law; to change penalty

provisions and provide powers to the Commissioner of Labor under the Nebraska Wage Payment and Collection Act; to change provisions relating to fees under the Contractor Registration Act; to provide and eliminate powers of the Commissioner of Labor and eliminate reporting requirements and the hotline and website for reporting suspected violations under the Employee Classification Act; to rename the Contractor and Professional Employer Organization Registration Cash Fund and change permitted uses of the fund; to transfer administration of student internships from the Department of Economic Development to the Department of Labor; to change provisions relating to legislative findings, qualified action plans, and financial assistance programs and create a fund under the Business Innovation Act; to state legislative intent regarding appropriations; to provide a duty for the Revisor of Statutes; to harmonize provisions; to repeal the original sections; and to outright repeal sections 48-307, 48-2906, and 48-2909, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska.

Whereupon the President stated: "All provisions of law relative to procedure having been complied with, the question is, 'Shall the bill pass?' "

Voting in the affirmative, 44:

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

Voting in the negative, 4:

Cavanaugh, M.* Conrad* Dungan* Guereca*

Excused and not voting, 1:

Hunt

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

A constitutional majority having voted in the affirmative, the bill was declared passed and the title agreed to.

Dispense With Reading at Large

Pursuant to Rule 6, Sec. 8, the Legislature approved the dispensing of the reading at large of LB967 with 44 ayes, 1 nay, 3 present and not voting, and 1 excused and not voting.

PRESIDENT KELLY PRESIDING

The following bill was put upon final passage:

LEGISLATIVE BILL 967.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to public health and welfare; to amend sections 44-150, 44-4055, 44-4059, 44-4064, 44-6122, 81-6,123, 81-6,125, 81-6,127, 81-6,128, 81-12,147, and 81-12,148, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, sections 44-116 and 44-4605, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024, and section 44-1523, Revised Statutes Supplement, 2025; to change a transfer from the Department of Insurance Cash Fund; to change provisions relating to reciprocal licenses and retaliatory measures; to include pharmacy benefit managers under the Unfair Insurance Trade Practices Act; to change provisions relating to nonresident license requirements and the process for issuance, verification, and termination of such licenses under the Insurance Producers Licensing Act; to change fees under the Insurance Producers Licensing Act; to provide certain penalties and require notification of certain material changes under the Pharmacy Benefit Manager Licensure and Regulation Act; to provide requirements for electronic notice of annual meetings under the Mutual Insurance Holding Company Act; to change requirements for participation in the operation of the designated health information exchange; to change membership and duties of the Health Information Technology Board; to change eligible activities for and requirements for assistance from the Site and Building Development Fund; to adopt the Nebraska Protection of Seniors from Insurance Exploitation Act; to prohibit health insurance plans from restricting certain claim payment methods; to harmonize provisions; and to repeal the original sections.

Whereupon the President stated: "All provisions of law relative to procedure having been complied with, the question is, 'Shall the bill pass?' "

Voting in the affirmative, 48:

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

Voting in the negative, 0.

Excused and not voting, 1:

Hunt

A constitutional majority having voted in the affirmative, the bill was declared passed and the title agreed to.

Dispense With Reading at Large

Pursuant to Rule 6, Sec. 8, the Legislature approved the dispensing of the reading at large of LB1101 with 44 ayes, 1 nay, 3 present and not voting, and 1 excused and not voting.

The following bill was put upon final passage:

LEGISLATIVE BILL 1101. With Emergency Clause.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to the Judges Retirement Act; to amend section 24-710.14, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, section 24-710, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024, and section 24-703, Revised Statutes Supplement, 2025; to change contribution rates; to change provisions relating to retirement annuities and annual benefit adjustments; to define a term; to repeal the original sections; and to declare an emergency.

Whereupon the President stated: "All provisions of law relative to procedure having been complied with, the question is, 'Shall the bill pass with the emergency clause attached?' "

Voting in the affirmative, 48:

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

Voting in the negative, 0.

Excused and not voting, 1:

Hunt

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

Dispense With Reading at Large

Pursuant to Rule 6, Sec. 8, the Legislature approved the dispensing of the reading at large of LB1235 with 44 ayes, 2 nays, 2 present and not voting, and 1 excused and not voting.

The following bill was put upon final passage:

LEGISLATIVE BILL 1235. With Emergency Clause.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to public health and welfare; to amend sections 53-103.47 and 53-1,100, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, section 53-132, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024, and sections 53-123.17, 71-24,106, and 71-24,109, Revised Statutes Supplement, 2025; to change provisions of the Nebraska Liquor Control Act relating to bottle clubs, licensure determinations, and penalties for conducting certain activities without a license; to redefine a term; to provide for a consumption-only class of entertainment district license; to change the Nebraska Medical Cannabis Regulation Act to provide salaries for members of the Nebraska Medical Cannabis Commission, create a fund, provide for rules and regulations relating to fees, and provide for criminal history record information checks; to harmonize provisions; to provide operative dates; to repeal the original sections; and to declare an emergency.

Whereupon the President stated: "All provisions of law relative to procedure having been complied with, the question is, 'Shall the bill pass with the emergency clause attached?' "

Voting in the affirmative, 46:

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

Voting in the negative, 2:

Conrad* Sorrentino*

Excused and not voting, 1:

Hunt

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

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

Dispense With Reading at Large

Pursuant to Rule 6, Sec. 8, the Legislature approved the dispensing of the reading at large of LB816 with 43 ayes, 1 nay, 4 present and not voting, and 1 excused and not voting.

The following bill was put upon final passage:

LEGISLATIVE BILL 816. With Emergency Clause.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to public safety; to amend sections 71-919 and 71-1203, Revised Statutes Supplement, 2025; to provide a privilege for peer support services communications; to define terms; to provide for immunity; to change provisions relating to persons taken into emergency protective custody; to harmonize provisions; to provide operative dates; to repeal the original sections; and to declare an emergency.

Whereupon the President stated: "All provisions of law relative to procedure having been complied with, the question is, 'Shall the bill pass with the emergency clause attached?' "

Voting in the affirmative, 48:

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

Voting in the negative, 0.

Excused and not voting, 1:

Hunt

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

Dispense With Reading at Large

Pursuant to Rule 6, Sec. 8, the Legislature approved the dispensing of the reading at large of LB824 with 44 ayes, 1 nay, 3 present and not voting, and 1 excused and not voting.

The following bill was put upon final passage:

LEGISLATIVE BILL 824. With Emergency Clause.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to retirement; to amend sections 79-920, 79-930, and 79-992, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, and sections 79-902 and 79-978, Revised Statutes Supplement, 2025; to redefine termination of employment and termination; to change provisions relating to termination of employment under the School Employees Retirement Act and the Class V School Employees Retirement Act; to provide an operative date; to repeal the original sections; and to declare an emergency.

Whereupon the President stated: "All provisions of law relative to procedure having been complied with, the question is, 'Shall the bill pass with the emergency clause attached?' "

Voting in the affirmative, 47:

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

Voting in the negative, 1:

Riepe*

Excused and not voting, 1:

Hunt

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

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

PRESIDENT SIGNED

While the Legislature was in session and capable of transacting business, the President signed the following: LBs 1071e, 1072e 1133e, 967, 1101e, 1235e, 816e, and 824e.

SPEAKER ARCH PRESIDING

SPEAKER SIGNED

While the Legislature was in session and capable of transacting business, the Speaker signed the following: LBs 759e and 847.

MOTION(S) - Recommit LB901 to Committee

Senator Conrad offered [MO497](#), found on page 972, to recommit to the Revenue Committee

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

No objections. So ordered.

MOTION(S) - Recommit LB901 to Committee

Senator von Gillern offered [MO546](#), found on page 1216, to recommit to the Revenue Committee

Senator Conrad moved the previous question. The question is, "Shall the debate now close?"

Senator von Gillern called for a roll call vote, in reverse order, on the motion to cease debate.

The motion to cease debate failed with 6 ayes, 28 nays, and 15 not voting.

Senator von Gillern asked unanimous consent to withdraw his motion to recommit to committee.

No objections. So ordered.

WITHDRAW - Amendments to LB901

Senator Raybould withdrew the following amendments:

[AM2626](#), found on page 1117.

[AM2869](#), found on page 1206.

[AM2728](#), found on page 1117.

Senator Bostar withdrew [AM2600](#), found on page 1117.

Dispense With Reading at Large

Pursuant to Rule 6, Sec. 8, the Legislature approved the dispensing of the reading at large of LB901 with 43 ayes, 1 nay, 3 present and not voting, and 2 excused and not voting.

The following bill was put upon final passage:

LEGISLATIVE BILL 901. With Emergency Clause.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to law; to amend sections 77-367, 77-377.01, 77-3,109, 77-3,118, 77-2704.46, 77-27,107, 77-27,235, and 77-5804, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, sections 77-377.02, 77-382, 77-2704.12, 77-2717, 77-3003.01, 77-3003.02, 77-3004, 77-3006, 77-3012, and 77-6818, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024, and sections 9-1,101, 71-812, 71-3801, 71-3809, 71-3810, 71-3812, 77-202, 77-3,110, 77-2715.07, 77-2734.03, 77-3003, 77-3003.03, and 77-5601, Revised Statutes Supplement, 2025; to adopt the Domestic Violence and Human Trafficking Service Providers Tax Credit Act; to provide for the disclosure of certain confidential information by the Department of Health and Human

Services and the Department of Revenue; to provide fees; to change provisions relating to the Behavioral Health Services Fund; to provide an excise tax and change provisions relating to adulterated kratom under the Kratom Consumer Protection Act; to eliminate a property tax exemption; to change the purposes of and money credited to the Department of Revenue Enforcement Fund; to change and provide provisions relating to delinquent taxes and the collection of delinquent taxes; to change provisions relating to a report on tax expenditures; to change and eliminate certain sales and use tax exemptions; to provide an income tax credit; to provide for the registration of a claim for due and owing delinquent taxes as a judgment; to eliminate a renewable energy tax credit as provided; to change provisions relating to fees for manufacturer and distributor licenses and cash devices, the advertisement and operation of mechanical amusement devices and cash devices, and the amount and distribution of taxes collected under the Mechanical Amusement Device Tax Act; to change provisions relating to the use of funds; to change credits under the Nebraska Advantage Research and Development Act; to redefine a term under the ImagiNE Nebraska Act; to terminate the Department of Revenue Miscellaneous Receipts Fund; to eliminate obsolete provisions; to harmonize provisions; to provide operative dates; to repeal the original sections; to outright repeal sections 77-2701.54, 77-2704.57, 77-2704.60, 77-2704.61, and 77-2704.62, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; and to declare an emergency.

Whereupon the President stated: "All provisions of law relative to procedure having been complied with, the question is, 'Shall the bill pass with the emergency clause attached?' "

Voting in the affirmative, 36:

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

Voting in the negative, 13:

Andersen	Conrad	Guereca	McKinney	Strommen
Cavanaugh, J.	Dungan	Hansen*	Storer	
Cavanaugh, M.*	Fredrickson*	Hunt	Storm	

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

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

PRESIDENT SIGNED

While the Legislature was in session and capable of transacting business, the President signed the following: LB901e.

PRESENTED TO THE GOVERNOR

Presented to the Governor on April 1, 2026, at 10:18 a.m. were the following: LBs 1071e, 1072e, 1133e, 759e, 847, 967, 1101e, 1235e, 816e, and 824e.

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

RESOLUTION(S)

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 493. Introduced by Jacobson, 42.

WHEREAS, the Nebraska Business Development Center awarded the Champion of Small Business 2025 to Jeff and Shae Caldwell for their leadership and commitment to strengthening the community of North Platte; and

WHEREAS, Jeff and Shae have worked to help the North Platte community by revitalizing Main Street properties and have expanded their portfolio with a screen-printing and personalization store and a bicycle shop; and

WHEREAS, Jeff and Shae also own commercial properties, a management company, and a Pizza Ranch focusing on bringing people to the North Platte community by creating specialized jobs; and

WHEREAS, Jeff and Shae's continued dedication to North Platte has allowed more jobs and more businesses to grow.

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

1. That the Legislature congratulates Jeff and Shae Caldwell for earning the Nebraska Business Development Center Champion of Small Business 2025 award.

2. That a copy of this resolution be sent to Jeff and Shae Caldwell.

Laid over.

GENERAL FILE

LEGISLATIVE BILL 1187. Title read. Considered.

Committee [AM2886](#), found on page 1341, was offered.

SPEAKER ARCH PRESIDING

Senator Jacobson offered [AM3037](#), found on page 1435, to the committee amendment.

SENATOR DEBOER PRESIDING

Senator Jacobson moved for a call of the house. The motion prevailed with 27 ayes, 1 nay, and 21 not voting.

The Jacobson amendment was adopted with 39 ayes, 1 nay, 7 present and not voting, and 2 excused and not voting.

Senator Dorn withdrew [FA962](#), found on page 643.

Senator Hansen withdrew [FA1042](#), found on page 1009.

Senator DeKay withdrew [AM2503](#), found on page 1051.

The committee amendment, as amended, was adopted with 38 ayes, 1 nay, 8 present and not voting, and 2 excused and not voting.

Advanced to Enrollment and Review Initial with 36 ayes, 4 nays, 7 present and not voting, and 2 excused and not voting.

The Chair declared the call raised.

PRESENTED TO THE GOVERNOR

Presented to the Governor on April 1, 2026, at 11:05 a.m. was the following: LB901e.

(Signed) Jamie Leishman
Clerk of the Legislature's Office

AMENDMENT(S) - Print in Journal

Senator M. Cavanaugh filed the following amendment to [LB958](#):
[AM3018](#)

(Amendments to Standing Committee amendments, AM2766)

1 1. On page 1, line 9, strike "InteRAI" and insert "InterRAI".

VISITOR(S)

Visitors to the Chamber were Bruce Smith, Omaha; County officials from across the state; students from Summerland High School, Ewing-Orchard-Clearwater; students from Freeman Public Schools, Adams; students from Verdigre Public School, Verdigre; members of Nebraska Federation of Women's Clubs from across the state; students from Portal

Elementary School, LaVista; Bill Maendele, Buffalo County Commissioner, Kearney; students from St. Bernadette Catholic School, Bellevue.

RECESS

At 12:13 p.m., on a motion by Senator Guereca, 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 Arch, Bostar, DeBoer, Dover, Dungan, Hansen, Ibach, and Riepe who were excused until they arrive.

SELECT FILE

LEGISLATIVE BILL 867. [ER165](#), found on page 1358, was offered.

ER165 was adopted.

Senator Kauth withdrew [FA507](#), found on page 223.

Senator Hardin offered [AM2972](#), found on page 1367.

The Hardin amendment was adopted with 38 ayes, 0 nays, 6 present and not voting, and 5 excused and not voting.

Senator Ballard offered [AM2970](#), found on page 1398.

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

Senator Ballard offered [AM3023](#), found on page 1419.

The Ballard amendment was withdrawn.

Senator DeBoer offered the following amendment:

[AM3044](#)

(Amendments to E&R amendments, ER165)

- 1 1. Strike sections 1 and 15 and insert the following new sections:
- 2 Section 1. Section 30-38,113, Revised Statutes Cumulative
- 3 Supplement, 2024, is amended to read:
- 4 30-38,113 (1) Each state agency that provides governmental benefits
- 5 to individuals of any age with disabilities through means-tested
- 6 programs, including the medical assistance program, shall adopt and
- 7 promulgate rules and regulations that:

8 (a) Are not more restrictive than existing federal law, regulations,
9 or policies with regard to the treatment of a special needs trust,
10 including a trust defined in 42 U.S.C. 1396p(c)(2) and 42 U.S.C. 1396p(d)
11 (4);
12 (b) Are not more restrictive than any state law regarding trusts,
13 including any state law relating to the reasonable exercise of discretion
14 by a trustee, guardian, or conservator in the best interests of the
15 beneficiary;
16 (c) Do not require disclosure of a beneficiary's personal or
17 confidential information without the consent of the beneficiary;
18 (d) Allow an individual account in a pooled special needs trust to
19 be funded without financial limit;
20 (e) Allow an individual to establish or fund an individual account
21 in a pooled special needs trust without an age limit or a transfer
22 penalty, except that a transfer by an individual sixty-five years of age
23 or older into a special needs trust shall comply with 42 U.S.C. 1396p(C)
24 in order to avoid a transfer penalty;
25 (f) Allow an individual to fund a special needs trust for the
26 individual's child with disabilities without a transfer penalty and
1 regardless of the child's age; and
2 (g) Allow all legally assignable income or resources to be assigned
3 to any special needs trust without limit.
4 (2) Nothing in this section may be interpreted to require a court
5 order to authorize the funding of, or a disbursement from, a special
6 needs trust.
7 Sec. 15. Section 71-564, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement,
8 2024, is amended to read:
9 71-564 (1) The Aging, Alzheimer's, and Dementia~~Alzheimer's Disease~~
10 ~~and Other Dementia~~ Advisory Council is created and shall include:
11 (a) ~~Fourteen~~Twelve voting members appointed by the Governor. The
12 voting members shall consist of: (i) An individual living with
13 Alzheimer's disease or another dementia or a family member or care
14 partner with experience caring for~~or~~ such an individual; (ii) an
15 individual who is a state representative of a nationwide organization
16 that advocates for individuals living with Alzheimer's disease or other
17 dementia; (iii) an individual who is a state representative of a
18 nationwide organization that advocates for aging adults; (iv) a medical
19 professional with experience diagnosing or treating Alzheimer's disease
20 or other dementia; (v) a medical or licensed professional with experience
21 working with aging populations; (vi) an individual who conducts research
22 relating to Alzheimer's disease and other dementia issues; (vii) an
23 individual who represents long-term care facilities; (viii) an individual
24 who represents nursing facilities; (ix) an individual who represents
25 nonmedical home and community-based services, including home care,
26 respite, or adult day care services; (x) an individual who represents
27 assisted-living facilities; (xi) one representative from each
28 congressional district representing a planning-and-service area as
29 designated in the Nebraska Community Aging Services Act; and (xii) an
30 individual with experience with vulnerable aging population~~the family~~
31 ~~caregiver of an individual living with Alzheimer's disease or another~~
1 ~~dementia;~~ (iii) an individual who represents nursing homes; (iv) an
2 individual who represents assisted-living facilities; (v) an individual
3 who represents providers of adult day care services; (vi) an individual
4 who represents home care providers; (vii) a medical professional who has
5 experience diagnosing and treating Alzheimer's disease; (viii) an
6 individual who conducts research regarding Alzheimer's disease or other
7 dementia; (ix) an individual who represents a leading, nationwide
8 organization that advocates on behalf of individuals living with
9 Alzheimer's disease or other dementia; (x) an individual who represents
10 an area agency on aging; (xi) an individual representing an organization

11 that advocates for older adults; and (xii) an individual with experience
 12 or expertise in the area of the specific needs of individuals with
 13 intellectual and developmental disabilities and Alzheimer's disease or
 14 other dementia; and
 15 (b) Five nonvoting members. The nonvoting members shall consist of:
 16 (i) The Director of Public Health or the director's designee; (ii) the
 17 Director of ~~Disability and Aging Medicaid and Long-Term Care~~ or the
 18 director's designee; (iii) ~~the administrator~~ a representative of the State
 19 Unit on Aging or the administrator's designee of the Division of Medicaid
 20 and Long-Term Care designated by the Director of Medicaid and Long-Term
 21 Care; (iv) a representative of the Nebraska Workforce Development Board
 22 designated by the board; and (v) the state long-term care ombudsman or
 23 the ombudsman's designee.
 24 (2) The terms of the initial members shall begin on the date of the
 25 first meeting as called by the Director of Public Health and (a) one-
 26 third shall serve for two-year terms, (b) one-third shall serve for
 27 three-year terms, and (c) one-third shall serve for four-year terms,
 28 including the chairperson and vice-chairperson. Thereafter all members
 29 shall serve four-year terms. Members may not serve more than two
 30 consecutive four-year terms. Vacancies shall be appointed by the Governor
 31 in the same manner as described in subdivision (1)(a) of this section.
 1 (3) Members of the council shall select the chairperson and vice-
 2 chairperson who shall not be employees of the state and may serve in such
 3 role for up to four consecutive years. The Director of Public Health or
 4 the director's designee shall call and preside over the first meeting
 5 until a chairperson is selected. Thereafter, the council shall meet at
 6 least quarterly at the call of the chairperson. A majority of the voting
 7 members shall constitute a quorum for the conduct of meetings.
 8 (4) The council shall hold meetings at least once every calendar
 9 quarter.
 10 (5) Members shall serve on the council without compensation but
 11 shall be compensated for expenses incurred for such service as provided
 12 in sections 81-1174 to 81-1177.
 13 (6) The department shall provide staff and support to the council as
 14 necessary to assist the council in the performance of its duties.

Senator DeBoer offered the following amendment to her amendment:

[FA1140](#)

In AM3044, on page 2, line 23 strike "facilities".

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

The DeBoer amendment, [AM3044](#), as amended, was adopted with 36 ayes, 0 nays, 10 present and not voting, and 3 excused and not voting.

Advanced to Enrollment and Review for Engrossment.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 905. [ER162](#), found on page 1356, was offered.

ER162 was adopted.

Senator Kauth withdrew [FA545](#), found on page 226.

Advanced to Enrollment and Review for Engrossment.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 781. Senator Kauth withdrew [FA410](#), found on page 192.

Advanced to Enrollment and Review for Engrossment.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 955. Senator Kauth withdrew [FA611](#), found on page 289.

Advanced to Enrollment and Review for Engrossment.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 1029. Senator Kauth withdrew [FA685](#), found on page 313.

Advanced to Enrollment and Review for Engrossment.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 764. Senator Kauth withdrew [FA393](#), found on page 191.

Advanced to Enrollment and Review for Engrossment.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 1057. Senator Kauth withdrew [FA715](#), found on page 340.

Advanced to Enrollment and Review for Engrossment.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 852. Senator Kauth withdrew [FA492](#), found on page 222.

Senator Spivey withdrew [FA549](#), found on page 227.

Advanced to Enrollment and Review for Engrossment.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 455. [ER131](#), found on page 944, was offered.

ER131 was adopted.

Senator M. Cavanaugh offered [MO449](#), found on page 778, to recommit to the Business and Labor Committee.

Senator M. Cavanaugh asked unanimous consent to withdraw her motion to recommit to committee.

No objections. So ordered.

Senator M. Cavanaugh asked unanimous consent to withdraw [MO450](#), found on page 778, to indefinitely postpone.

No objections. So ordered.

Senator Hallstrom withdrew [FA998](#), found on page 752.

Senator M. Cavanaugh withdrew [FA1014](#), found on page 778.

Advanced to Enrollment and Review for Engrossment.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 889. Speaker Arch requested to pass over LB889.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 1261. Senator Conrad offered [MO409](#), found on page 693, to bracket until April 16, 2026.

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

No objections. So ordered.

Senator Conrad asked unanimous consent to withdraw [MO410](#), found on page 693, to recommit to the Natural Resources Committee.

No objections. So ordered.

Senator DeKay withdrew [FA968](#), found on page 666.

Senator Conrad offered [MO411](#), found on page 693, to indefinitely postpone.

Senator Jacobson moved the previous question. The question is, "Shall the debate now close?"

Senator Hallstrom requested a roll call vote on the motion to cease debate.

The motion to cease debate prevailed with 25 ayes, 7 nays, and 17 not voting.

The Conrad motion to indefinitely postpone failed with 9 ayes, 23 nays, 15 present and not voting, and 2 excused and not voting.

Senator DeKay offered [AM2665](#), found on page 1065.

The DeKay amendment was withdrawn.

Senator DeKay withdrew [AM2666](#), found on page 1065.

Senator DeKay offered [AM2851](#), found on page 1226.

The DeKay amendment was adopted with 34 ayes, 0 nays, 14 present and not voting, and 1 excused and not voting.

Senator DeKay withdrew [FA926](#), found on page 1124.

Senator Juarez offered [AM2132](#), found on page 708.

Senator Juarez moved for a call of the house. The motion prevailed with 16 ayes, 9 nays, and 24 not voting.

The Juarez amendment lost with 15 ayes, 32 nays, 1 present and not voting, and 1 excused and not voting.

The Chair declared the call raised.

Senator Juarez offered [AM2133](#), found on page 709.

The Juarez amendment was withdrawn.

Senator Juarez withdrew [AM2083](#), found on page 1124.

Senator Conrad offered [AM2123](#), found on page 1124.

The Conrad amendment lost with 15 ayes, 27 nays, 5 present and not voting, and 2 excused and not voting.

Senator Conrad withdrew [AM2120](#), found on page 1124.

Senator Conrad offered [AM2119](#), found on page 1124.

SPEAKER ARCH PRESIDING

The Conrad amendment lost with 13 ayes, 24 nays, 10 present and not voting, and 2 excused and not voting.

PRESIDENT KELLY PRESIDING

Senator Conrad withdrew [AM2110](#), found on page 1124.

Senator Conrad offered [AM2116](#), found on page 1124.

The Conrad amendment lost with 11 ayes, 19 nays, 17 present and not voting, and 2 excused and not voting.

Senator Conrad offered the following amendment:

[AM2772](#)

1 1. On page 3, line 7, after "Board" insert ". As part of the
2 application for approval of the Nebraska Power Review Board, the
3 industrial customer shall provide information on the amount of water
4 projected to be used by the facility to be served by the privately owned
5 electric generation facility, the source of such water, the potential
6 impacts on adjacent or other regional water users, including, but not
7 limited to, residential and agricultural water users, and whether the
8 necessary permits for the use of such water have been obtained".

Senator Fredrickson offered the following amendment to the Conrad amendment:

[FA1143](#)

In AM2772, on line 8, insert: "such water systems shall only be close looped systems" on line 8 after "have been obtained."

The Fredrickson amendment lost with 12 ayes, 20 nays, 15 present and not voting, and 2 excused and not voting.

Pending.

COMMITTEE REPORT(S)

Enrollment and Review

LEGISLATIVE BILL 803. Placed on Select File with amendment. [ER174](#) is available in the Bill Room.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 304. Placed on Select File with amendment. [ER176](#)

1 1. On page 1, line 3, after the second semicolon insert "to state
2 legislative intent;".

LEGISLATIVE BILL 304A. Placed on Select File.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 888. Placed on Select File.

(Signed) Dunixi Guereca, Chairperson

Education

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 422. Reported to the Legislature for further consideration.

(Signed) Dave Murman, Chairperson

AMENDMENT(S) - Print in Journal

Senator Bostar filed the following amendment to [LB1096](#):

[AM3030](#)

(Amendments to Standing Committee amendments, AM2726)

1 1. Strike section 7 and insert the following new section:
2 Sec. 7. Section 4, Legislative Bill 904, One Hundred Ninth
3 Legislature, Second Session, 2026, is amended to read:
4 Sec. 4. (1) Every person employed, retained, or authorized as a
5 consultant for a Chinese military company shall, before commencing any
6 influencing activity in Nebraska for such Chinese military company:
7 (a) File with the commission, on a form prescribed by the
8 commission, information that shall include at a minimum, the following:
9 (i) The name, permanent residence address, and office address of the
10 consultant;
11 (ii) The name and address of the Chinese military company
12 represented by such consultant;

13 (iii) A description of the business activity of the consultant;
 14 (iv) An identification of the matters on which the consultant
 15 expects to conduct influencing activity on behalf of such Chinese
 16 military company;
 17 (v) An affirmative acknowledgment by the consultant that such
 18 consultant is influencing on behalf of, and thereby acting as an agent
 19 of, a foreign adversary of the United States; and
 20 (vi) The name and address of any official in the legislative or
 21 executive branch, and of any members of any such official's staff or
 22 immediate family, who are employed by the consultant or any person acting
 23 on behalf of such consultant if such information is known or reasonably
 24 should have been known to the consultant; and
 25 (b) Disclose that such Chinese military company is a foreign
 26 adversary of the United States.

1 (2) Any person who violates this section shall be subject to a civil
 2 penalty of one hundred thousand dollars for each violation. For any
 3 subsequent violation, the civil penalty shall be increased by one hundred
 4 thousand dollars more than the previously assessed penalty, not to exceed
 5 one million dollars per violation. All penalties collected under this
 6 section shall be remitted to the State Treasurer for distribution in
 7 accordance with Article VII, section 5, of the Constitution of Nebraska.

8 (3) For purposes of this section:
 9 (a) Chinese military company has the same meaning as in section
 10 1260H of Public Law 116-283, as such section existed on April 1, 2025,
 11 and includes any subsidiary of a Chinese military company or any company
 12 owned or controlled, in whole or in part, by a Chinese military company;
 13 and
 14 (b) Consultant means any person who engages in informing or advising
 15 any other person regarding the policies of the State of Nebraska or the
 16 political or public interest, policies, or relations of a foreign country
 17 or of a foreign political party; and
 18 (c) ~~(b)~~ Influencing activity includes, but is not limited to,
 19 influencing by means of telephone, electronic mail, United States mail or
 20 other mail delivery service, or in-person meetings.

21 2. Correct the repealer accordingly.

GENERAL FILE

LEGISLATIVE BILL 1261. Senator Conrad renewed [AM2772](#), found and considered in this day's Journal

The Conrad amendment lost with 12 ayes, 18 nays, 17 present and not voting, and 2 excused and not voting.

Senator Conrad offered the following amendment:

[AM2794](#)

1 1. On page 3, line 7, after "Board" insert ". As part of the
 2 application for approval of the Nebraska Power Review Board, the
 3 industrial customer shall provide information on the proposed energy
 4 resource for the privately owned electric generation facility, whether
 5 the use of such energy resource will require pipelines to be built,
 6 whether the industrial customer has the necessary approvals to obtain
 7 such energy resource, and the potential economic impacts, both positive
 8 and negative, of the use of such energy resource in the quantities
 9 required by such facility on other retail and wholesale customers in
 10 Nebraska, including, but not limited to, residential and agricultural
 11 customers".

The Conrad amendment lost with 10 ayes, 18 nays, 19 present and not voting, and 2 excused and not voting.

Senator Conrad offered the following amendment:
[AM2801](#) is available in the Bill Room.

The Conrad amendment was withdrawn.

Senator Conrad offered the following amendment:
[AM2796](#)

1 1. On page 3, line 28, strike "and".
2 2. On page 4, line 2, strike the underscored period and insert ";
3 and"; and after line 2 insert the following new subdivision:
4 "(v) The industrial customer shall use renewable energy and battery
5 storage technology to power the privately owned electric generation
6 facility to the extent feasible."

The Conrad amendment lost with 13 ayes, 20 nays, 14 present and not voting, and 2 excused and not voting.

Senator DeKay withdrew [AM2667](#), found on page 1065.

Senator McKinney requested a record vote on the advancement of the bill.

Senator DeKay moved for a call of the house. The motion prevailed with 27 ayes, 0 nays, and 22 not voting.

Advanced to Enrollment and Review for Engrossment with 32 ayes, 13 nays, 2 present and not voting, 1 absent and not voting, and 1 excused and not voting.

The Chair declared the call raised.

COMMITTEE REPORT(S) General Affairs

LEGISLATIVE BILL 725. Placed on General File with amendment.

[AM3032](#)

1 1. Strike the original sections and insert the following new
2 sections:
3 Section 1. Section 81-2118, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is
4 amended to read:
5 81-2118 All licenses or registrations issued under the State
6 Electrical Act shall expire on December 31 of each even-numbered year.
7 All license or registration applications shall include the applicant's
8 social security number.
9 The board shall, by a unanimous vote of the board, set reasonable
10 fees for examination, issuance, and renewal of licenses and registrations
11 issued under the State Electrical Act in amounts necessary to cover the
12 costs incurred by the State Electrical Division and the board in
13 administering and carrying out the purposes of the State Electrical Act
14 and in a manner that unnecessary surpluses are avoided. The board shall
15 annually file a report with the Attorney General and the Legislative
16 Fiscal Analyst stating the amount of the fees set by the board. Such

17 reports shall be submitted on or before July 1 of each year. The report
 18 submitted to the Legislative Fiscal Analyst shall be submitted
 19 electronically. The board shall establish ~~the following~~ fees:
 20 (1) For examination for the following licenses:
 21 (a) Electrical contractor;
 22 ~~(b) Class B electrical contractor;~~
 23 ~~(c)(b) Journeyman electrician;~~
 24 ~~(d) Class B(e) Residential journeyman electrician;~~
 25 ~~(e) Residential journeyman electrician;~~
 26 ~~(f)(d) Fire alarm installer; and~~
 27 ~~(g)(e) Special electrician license, sixty dollars;~~
 1 (2) For each year of the two-year license period for issuance and
 2 renewal of the following licenses:
 3 (a) Electrical contractor; ~~and~~
 4 ~~(b) Class B electrical contractor;~~
 5 ~~(c)(b) Journeyman electrician;~~
 6 ~~(d) Class B, residential journeyman electrician;~~
 7 ~~(e) Residential journeyman electrician;~~
 8 ~~(f) Fire, fire alarm installer; and~~
 9 ~~(g) Special, or special electrician;~~
 10 (3) For each year of the two-year registration period for issuance
 11 and renewal as an apprentice electrician; and
 12 (4) For renewal on or after September 9, 1993, of the Class A master
 13 electrician license ~~following licenses~~ issued prior to such date for each
 14 year of the two-year license period:
 15 ~~(a) Class B electrical contractor;~~
 16 ~~(b) Class A master electrician; and~~
 17 ~~(c) Class B journeyman electrician.~~
 18 The holder of ~~an expired~~ license or registration may renew the
 19 license or registration ~~beginning October 1 through November 31 of even-~~
 20 ~~numbered years upon payment of the license or registration fee. The~~
 21 ~~holder of a license or registration during the late renewal period may~~
 22 ~~renew the license or registration from December 1 through December 31 of~~
 23 ~~even-numbered years, for a period of three months from the date of~~
 24 ~~expiration upon payment of the license or registration fee plus ten~~
 25 ~~percent of the renewal fee for each month or portion thereof past the~~
 26 ~~expiration date. All holders of expired licenses or registrations expired~~
 27 ~~for more than three months shall apply for a new license or registration.~~
 28 Sec. 2. Original section 81-2118, Reissue Revised Statutes of
 29 Nebraska, is repealed.

(Signed) Rick Holdcroft, Chairperson

MOTION(S) - Print in Journal

Senator Storer filed the following motion to LR298CA:

[MO560](#)

Indefinitely postpone.

RESOLUTION(S)

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 494. Introduced by Storer, 43.

WHEREAS, the 2026 Nebraska Library Association's Outstanding Volunteer Award was presented to Chris Bitner of Valentine, Nebraska, on March 16, 2026; and

WHEREAS, Chris was nominated for her service as President of the Friends of the Valentine Public Library by Valentine Public Library Director Carrie Graham; and

WHEREAS, Chris formed the Friends organization in 2007 and has generated funding beyond the library's budget for many of Valentine Public Library's projects while working full-time at the Cherry County Hospital; and

WHEREAS, Chris generated funding and volunteer support for the library's renovation in 2010, a remodel of the meeting room kitchen, landscaping projects, and an alternative for more storage; and

WHEREAS, Chris, with the help of Friends, has also helped sponsor the library's 1,000 Books Before Kindergarten program, which gifts a free book to every baby born at the local hospital, and has also helped bring a Little Free Library to the Valentine community, which has expanded access to books; and

WHEREAS, Chris also acts as a host at the library's annual Friends of the Library Jigsaw Puzzle Tournament and has helped launch the library's first wine tasting collaboration event and the youth events "Stuffed Animal Sleepover" and "Elephant and Piggy Party"; and

WHEREAS, Chris's ability to volunteer hours of her time while working a full-time position reflects her dedication to help foster a lifelong love of reading in the Valentine community.

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

1. That the Legislature congratulates Chris Bitner for being awarded the 2026 Nebraska Library Association's Outstanding Volunteer Award.
2. That a copy of this resolution be sent to Chris Bitner.

Laid over.

SELECT FILE

LEGISLATIVE BILL 1261A. Advanced to Enrollment and Review for Engrossment.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 525. [ER166](#), found on page 1374, was offered.

ER166 was adopted.

Advanced to Enrollment and Review for Engrossment.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 525A. Senator Jacobson offered the following motion:

[MO555](#)

Indefinitely postpone.

The Jacobson motion to indefinitely postpone prevailed with 39 ayes, 0 nays, 7 present and not voting, and 3 excused and not voting.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 1212. [ER167](#), found on page 1374, was offered.

ER167 was adopted.

Senator Kauth withdrew [FA872](#), found on page 452.

Senator Lonowski offered [AM2998](#), found on page 1398.

The Lonowski amendment was adopted with 43 ayes, 0 nays, 3 present and not voting, and 3 excused and not voting.

Senator Riepe offered [AM2937](#), found on page 1403.

Senator Riepe offered the following amendment to his amendment:

[AM3028](#)

(Amendments to AM2937)

1 1. On page 2, line 28, strike "board-approved" and insert "board-
2 recommended".

3 2. On page 3, line 7, strike "shall" and insert "may".

4 3. On page 6, line 29, strike "consider" and insert "review and
5 evaluate".

The Riepe amendment was adopted with 38 ayes, 0 nays, 8 present and not voting, and 3 excused and not voting.

The Riepe amendment, [AM2937](#), as amended, was adopted with 40 ayes, 0 nays, 6 present and not voting, and 3 excused and not voting.

Advanced to Enrollment and Review for Engrossment.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 815. [ER168](#), found on page 1375, was offered.

ER168 was adopted.

Senator Kauth withdrew [FA444](#), found on page 195.

Advanced to Enrollment and Review for Engrossment.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 1091. Senator Kauth withdrew [FA750](#), found on page 369.

Advanced to Enrollment and Review for Engrossment.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 1126. [ER159](#), found on page 1333, was offered.

ER159 was adopted.

Senator Kauth withdrew [FA786](#), found on page 411.

Senator Dorn offered [AM2752](#), found on page 1114.

The Dorn amendment was adopted with 30 ayes, 11 nays, 6 present and not voting, and 2 excused and not voting.

Senator Dungan offered the following motion:

[MO561](#)

Reconsider the vote taken on AM2752.

SPEAKER ARCH PRESIDING

Pending.

EASE

The Legislature was at ease from 5:26 p.m. until 6:01 p.m.

SENATOR DEBOER PRESIDING

SELECT FILE

LEGISLATIVE BILL 935. [ER163](#), found on page 1375, was offered.

ER163 was adopted.

Senator Kauth asked unanimous consent to withdraw [FA594](#), found on page 247, and replace it with the Bosn substitute amendment, [FA1146](#). No objections. So ordered.

[FA1146](#)

To amend ER163 to LB935 on page 39, line 16 after "29-2709", insert ", Title IV-D status,".

The Bosn amendment was adopted with 38 ayes, 0 nays, 7 present and not voting, and 4 excused and not voting.

Senator Conrad withdrew [FA1120](#), found on page 1343.

Senator Rountree withdrew [FA1121](#), found on page 1343.

Senator J. Cavanaugh withdrew [FA1122](#), found on page 1343.

Senator DeBoer withdrew [FA1124](#), found on page 1350.

Senator DeBoer withdrew [FA1125](#), found on page 1350.

Senator Conrad offered the following amendment:

[AM2989](#)

(Amendments to E and R amendments, ER163)

1 1. Insert the following new section:

2 Sec. 2. Section 7-207, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is

3 amended to read:

4 7-207 (1) The Commission on Public Advocacy shall accept
 5 applications for loan repayment assistance on an annual basis from
 6 qualified persons and shall present those applications to the board for
 7 its consideration. The board shall make recommendations for loans to the
 8 commission, and the commission shall certify the eligible recipients and
 9 the loan amount per recipient. The loans awarded to the recipients shall
 10 come from funds appropriated by the Legislature and any other funds that
 11 may be available from the Legal Education for Public Service and Rural
 12 Practice Loan Repayment Assistance Fund.

13 (2) Loans under this section shall be awarded to recipients in the
 14 following order of priority:

15 (a) Recipients that practice in a county with no other licensed
 16 attorney actively practicing in such county;

17 (b) Recipients that practice in a county with three or fewer
 18 licensed attorneys actively practicing in such county; and

19 (c) Recipients that practice in a county with a population of no
 20 more than seventy-five thousand inhabitants.

21 (3) An individual that has been awarded a loan prior to the
 22 operative date of this section shall not be adversely affected by the
 23 changes made to this section by this legislative bill and shall remain
 24 eligible to retain such loan under the terms originally awarded.

25 2. Renumber the remaining sections and correct internal references
 26 accordingly.

1 3. Correct the operative date and repealer sections so that the
 2 section added by this amendment becomes operative three calendar months
 3 after the adjournment of this legislative session.

Senator Bosn offered the following amendment to the Conrad amendment:

[FA1147](#)

In AM2989, on line 13 after "section" insert "awarded on or after July 1, 2026," and strike the language in subsection (3) and replace with "Nothing in Sec. 2 of this Act shall affect awards previously made to recipients on or before June 20, 2026."

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

The Conrad amendment, as amended, was adopted with 35 ayes, 0 nays, 11 present and not voting, and 3 excused and not voting.

Senator J. Cavanaugh offered the following amendment:

[AM2984](#)

(Amendments to E and R amendments, ER163)

1 1. Strike sections 24 and 25 and insert the following new section:

2 Sec. 24. Section 29-2204.02, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska,
 3 is amended to read:

4 29-2204.02 (1) Except when a term of probation is required by law as
 5 provided in subsection (2) of this section or except as otherwise
 6 provided in subsection (4) of this section, in imposing a sentence upon
 7 an offender for a Class III, IIIA, or IV felony, the court shall:

8 (a) Impose a determinate sentence of imprisonment within the
 9 applicable range in section 28-105; and

10 (b) Impose a sentence of post-release supervision, under the
 11 jurisdiction of the Office of Probation Administration, within the
 12 applicable range in section 28-105.

13 (2) If the criminal offense is a Class IV felony, the court shall
 14 impose a sentence of probation unless:

15 (a) The defendant is concurrently or consecutively sentenced to
 16 imprisonment for any felony other than another Class IV felony;

17 (b) The defendant was originally charged with a Class I, IA, IB, IC,
18 ID, II, IIA, III, or IIIA felony;
19 ~~(c)~~(b) The defendant has been deemed a habitual criminal pursuant to
20 section 29-2221; or
21 ~~(d)~~(e) There are substantial and compelling reasons why the
22 defendant cannot effectively and safely be supervised in the community,
23 including, but not limited to, the criteria in subsections (2) and (3) of
24 section 29-2260. Unless other reasons are found to be present, that the
25 offender has not previously succeeded on probation is not, standing
26 alone, a substantial and compelling reason.
1 (3) If a sentence of probation is not imposed, the court shall state
2 its reasoning on the record, advise the defendant of his or her right to
3 appeal the sentence, and impose a sentence as provided in subsection (1)
4 of this section.
5 (4) For any sentence of imprisonment for a Class III, IIIA, or IV
6 felony for an offense committed on or after August 30, 2015, imposed
7 consecutively or concurrently with (a) a sentence for a Class III, IIIA,
8 or IV felony for an offense committed prior to August 30, 2015, or (b) a
9 sentence of imprisonment for a Class I, IA, IB, IC, ID, II, or IIA
10 felony, the court shall impose an indeterminate sentence within the
11 applicable range in section 28-105 that does not include a period of
12 post-release supervision, in accordance with the process set forth in
13 section 29-2204.
14 (5) For any sentence of imprisonment for a misdemeanor imposed
15 consecutively or concurrently with a sentence of imprisonment for a Class
16 III, IIIA, or IV felony for an offense committed on or after August 30,
17 2015, the court shall impose a determinate sentence within the applicable
18 range in section 28-106 unless the person is also committed to the
19 Department of Correctional Services in accordance with section 29-2204
20 for (a) a sentence of imprisonment for a Class III, IIIA, or IV felony
21 committed prior to August 30, 2015, or (b) a sentence of imprisonment for
22 a Class I, IA, IB, IC, ID, II, or IIA felony.
23 (6) If the defendant was under eighteen years of age at the time he
24 or she committed the crime for which he or she was convicted, the court
25 may, in its discretion, instead of imposing the penalty provided for the
26 crime, make such disposition of the defendant as the court deems proper
27 under the Nebraska Juvenile Code.
28 (7)(a) When imposing a determinate sentence upon an offender under
29 this section, the court shall:
30 (i) Advise the offender on the record the time the offender will
31 serve on his or her term of imprisonment before his or her term of post-
1 release supervision assuming that no good time for which the offender
2 will be eligible is lost;
3 (ii) Advise the offender on the record the time the offender will
4 serve on his or her term of post-release supervision; and
5 (iii) When imposing a sentence following revocation of post-release
6 supervision, advise the offender on the record the time the offender will
7 serve on his or her term of imprisonment, including credit for time
8 served, assuming that no good time for which the offender will be
9 eligible is lost.
10 (b) If a period of post-release supervision is required but not
11 imposed by the sentencing court, the term of post-release supervision
12 shall be the minimum provided by law.
13 (c) If the court imposes more than one sentence upon an offender or
14 imposes a sentence upon an offender who is at that time serving another
15 sentence, the court shall state whether the sentences are to be
16 concurrent or consecutive.
17 (d) If the offender has been sentenced to two or more determinate
18 sentences and one or more terms of post-release supervision, the offender
19 shall serve all determinate sentences before being released on post-

20 release supervision.
21 2. Renumber the remaining sections and correct internal references
22 accordingly.
23 3. Correct the operative date and repealer sections so that the
24 section added by this amendment becomes operative three calendar months
25 after the adjournment of this legislative session.

The J. Cavanaugh amendment was adopted with 37 ayes, 0 nays, 9 present and not voting, and 3 excused and not voting.

Senator Spivey offered the following amendment:

[AM3046](#)

(Amendments to E and R amendments, ER163)

1 1. Insert the following new section:
2 Sec. 36. (1) The Supreme Court Docket Fee Cash Fund is created. The
3 State Court Administrator shall administer the fund. The fund shall
4 consist of money remitted pursuant to section 35 of this act. Permissible
5 expenditures from the fund include, but are not limited to, supplementing
6 any state funds necessary to support the administrative operations of the
7 Supreme Court, Court of Appeals, district courts, separate juvenile
8 courts, county courts, and the Nebraska Probation System.
9 (2) The money and credits in the Supreme Court Docket Fee Cash Fund
10 shall be devoted strictly to the purposes for which the fund is created,
11 and no part shall be transferred or diverted in any manner or for any
12 purpose. Any money in the fund available for investment shall be invested
13 by the state investment officer pursuant to the Nebraska Capital
14 Expansion Act and the Nebraska State Funds Investment Act.
15 2. On page 39, line 11, strike "36.00" and insert "18.00"; and in
16 line 15 strike "General" and insert "Supreme Court Docket Fee Cash".
17 3. Renumber the remaining sections and correct internal references
18 accordingly.
19 4. Correct the operative date section so that the section added by
20 this amendment becomes operative on July 1, 2026.

SPEAKER ARCH PRESIDING

SENATOR IBACH PRESIDING

Senator M. Cavanaugh moved for a call of the house. The motion prevailed with 23 ayes, 3 nays, and 23 not voting.

The Spivey amendment lost with 13 ayes, 30 nays, 3 present and not voting, and 3 excused and not voting.

The Chair declared the call raised.

Senator J. Cavanaugh offered the following amendment:

[FA1150](#)

On page 39, on line 13 insert: "(2) The state docket fee shall not be imposed if a defendant pays their fine and fee pursuant to 29-424". Renumber sections accordingly.

SENATOR DEBOER PRESIDING

The J. Cavanaugh amendment lost with 11 ayes, 23 nays, 12 present and not voting, and 3 excused and not voting.

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

Advanced to Enrollment and Review for Engrossment with 33 ayes, 12 nays, 1 present and not voting, and 3 excused and not voting.

COMMITTEE REPORT(S)

Enrollment and Review

LEGISLATIVE BILL 758. Placed on Final Reading.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 787. Placed on Final Reading.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 1236. Placed on Final Reading.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 1236A. Placed on Final Reading.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 1048. Placed on Select File with amendment.
[ER179](#) is available in the Bill Room.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 826. Placed on Select File with amendment.

[ER175](#)

- 1 1. On page 3, line 22; and page 4, line 5, after "the" insert
- 2 "United States".

LEGISLATIVE BILL 1086. Placed on Select File with amendment.

[ER172](#)

- 1 1. On page 2, line 22, after "273.7" insert an underscored comma.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 1096. Placed on Select File with amendment.

[ER177](#)

- 1 1. On page 1, strike beginning with "state" in line 1 through line
- 2 10 and insert "state security; to amend section 84-712.05, Reissue
- 3 Revised Statutes of Nebraska, sections 77-5723 and 77-6827, Revised
- 4 Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024, and sections 49-1480, 77-3,114,
- 5 77-27,187.02, and 86-125, Revised Statutes Supplement, 2025; to adopt the
- 6 Preventing Lethal Agricultural and National Threats Act; to create
- 7 restrictions relating to contracts with foreign principals as provided;
- 8 to define and redefine terms; to change provisions relating to the use of
- 9 tax incentives as provided; to authorize the withholding of records
- 10 relating to critical infrastructure as provided; to provide a fine and
- 11 civil penalty for certain communications providers as prescribed; to
- 12 harmonize provisions; to provide severability; and to repeal the original
- 13 sections."

LEGISLATIVE BILL 1096A. Placed on Select File.

(Signed) Dunixi Guereca, Chairperson

MOTION(S) - Print in Journal

Senator Raybould filed the following motions to LB1219:

MO562

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

MO563

Bracket until April 17, 2026.

MO564

Recommit to the Revenue Committee.

AMENDMENT(S) - Print in Journal

Senator Quick filed the following amendment to LB889:

AM3058

(Amendments to Standing Committee amendments, AM2168)

1 1. Insert the following new section:

2 Section 1. Section 81-2118, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is

3 amended to read:

4 81-2118 All licenses or registrations issued under the State

5 Electrical Act shall expire on December 31 of each even-numbered year.

6 All license or registration applications shall include the applicant's

7 social security number.

8 The board shall, by a unanimous vote of the board, set reasonable

9 fees for examination, issuance, and renewal of licenses and registrations

10 issued under the State Electrical Act in amounts necessary to cover the

11 costs incurred by the State Electrical Division and the board in

12 administering and carrying out the purposes of the State Electrical Act

13 and in a manner that unnecessary surpluses are avoided. The board shall

14 annually file a report with the Attorney General and the Legislative

15 Fiscal Analyst stating the amount of the fees set by the board. Such

16 reports shall be submitted on or before July 1 of each year. The report

17 submitted to the Legislative Fiscal Analyst shall be submitted

18 electronically. The board shall establish the following fees:

19 (1) For examination for the following licenses:

20 (a) Electrical contractor;

21 (b) Journeyman electrician;

22 (c) Residential journeyman electrician;

23 (d) Fire alarm installer; and

24 (e) Special electrician license, sixty dollars;

25 (2) For each year of the two-year license period for issuance and

26 renewal of the following licenses:

1 (a) Electrical contractor; and

2 (b) Journeyman electrician, residential journeyman electrician, fire

3 alarm installer, or special electrician;

4 (3) For each year of the two-year registration period for issuance

5 and renewal as an apprentice electrician; and

6 (4) For renewal on or after September 9, 1993, of the following

7 licenses issued prior to such date for each year of the two-year license

8 period:

9 (a) Class B electrical contractor;

10 (b) Class A master electrician; and

11 (c) Class B journeyman electrician.

12 The holder of ~~an expired~~ license or registration may renew the

13 license or registration beginning October 1 through November 31 of even-

14 numbered years upon payment of the license or registration fee. The

15 holder of a license or registration during the late renewal period may
16 renew the license or registration from December 1 through December 31 of
17 even-numbered years, for a period of three months from the date of
18 expiration upon payment of the license or registration fee plus ten
19 percent of the renewal fee for each month or portion thereof past the
20 expiration date. All holders of expired licenses or registrations expired
21 for more than three months shall apply for a new license or registration.
22 2. Renumber the remaining sections and correct the repealer
23 accordingly.

SELECT FILE

LEGISLATIVE BILL 1126. Senator Dungan renewed [MO561](#), found and considered in this day's Journal, to reconsider the vote taken on AM2752.

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

The Dungan motion to reconsider failed with 18 ayes, 25 nays, 3 present and not voting, and 3 excused and not voting.

Advanced to Enrollment and Review for Engrossment.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 1135. [ER153](#), found on page 1333, was offered.

ER153 was adopted.

Senator Kauth withdrew [FA795](#), found on page 411.

Senator Dover offered [AM2821](#), found on page 1159.

Senator Dover offered the following amendment to his amendment:

[FA1148](#)

In AM2821, on page 2, line 12 after the second "property" insert: "or after completing demolition of any structure and site preparation necessary for development".

The Dover amendment was adopted with 32 ayes, 1 nay, 13 present and not voting, and 3 excused and not voting.

The Dover amendment, [AM2821](#), as amended, was adopted with 38 ayes, 1 nay, 7 present and not voting, and 3 excused and not voting.

Senator McKinney withdrew [AM2925](#), found on page 1334.

Senator Spivey offered [AM2872](#), found on page 1206.

Senator Bosn requested a ruling of the Chair on whether the Spivey amendment is germane to the bill.

The Chair ruled the Spivey amendment is not germane to the bill.

Senator Spivey challenged the ruling of the Chair. The question is, "Shall the Chair be overruled?"

Senator Spivey withdrew her motion to overrule the Chair.

Senator McKinney offered [AM2862](#), found on page 1335.

SPEAKER ARCH PRESIDING

The McKinney amendment was adopted with 36 ayes, 0 nays, 9 present and not voting, and 4 excused and not voting.

Senator McKinney offered [AM2993](#), found on page 1419.

The McKinney amendment was adopted with 37 ayes, 0 nays, 8 present and not voting, and 4 excused and not voting.

Senator Guereca offered the following amendment:

[AM3059](#)

(Amendments to Standing Committee amendments, AM2460)

1 1. Insert the following new section:

2 Sec. 19. (1) A city of the primary class, city of the first class,

3 city of the second class, or village may sell or transfer any waterworks,

4 sewer system, or water system owned by such city or village to an Indian

5 tribe if the following requirements are met:

6 (a) The waterworks, sewer system, or water system must be located or

7 operating in its entirety within the tribal lands of such Indian tribe;

8 (b) The tribal headquarters of such Indian tribe must be located in

9 such city or village; and

10 (c) The sale or transfer must be approved by the qualified electors

11 of such city or village at a general or special election described in

12 subsection (2) of this section.

13 (2) The governing body of the city or village seeking to sell or

14 transfer any waterworks, sewer system, or water system under this section

15 shall submit such question or proposition, in the usual manner, to the

16 qualified electors of such city or village at any general city or village

17 election or at any special city or village election and may submit the

18 proposition in connection with any city or village special election

19 called for any other purpose, and the votes cast thereon shall be

20 canvassed and the result found and declared as in any other city or

21 village election.

22 (3) For purposes of this section, Indian tribe means an Indian tribe

23 or band which is recognized by federal law or formally acknowledged by

24 the state as of January 1, 2026.

25 2. Renumber the remaining sections and correct internal references

26 accordingly.

1 3. Correct the operative date section so that the section added by

2 this amendment becomes operative three calendar months after the

3 adjournment of this legislative session.

The Guereca amendment was adopted with 43 ayes, 0 nays, 2 present and not voting, and 4 excused and not voting.

Advanced to Enrollment and Review for Engrossment.

AMENDMENT(S) - Print in Journal

Senator M. Cavanaugh filed the following amendment to LB921:
[FA1144](#)
 Strike Section 16.

Senator Ballard filed the following amendment to LB1114:
[AM2913](#)

(Amendments to E and R amendments, ER160)

1 1. Insert the following new sections:

2 Sec. 107. Sections 107 to 114 of this act shall be known and may be
 3 cited as the New Taxpayer Recruitment Grant Act.

4 Sec. 108. For purposes of the New Taxpayer Recruitment Grant Act:

5 (1) Department means the Department of Economic Development;

6 (2) Household means one or more individuals who dwell together; and

7 (3) Household goal means the total number of households that a new

8 taxpayer recruitment program seeks to successfully incentivize to

9 relocate or commit to relocate from a location that is outside of this

10 state to a municipality in this state.

11 Sec. 109. (1)(a) Beginning on July 15 of each fiscal year any (i)

12 city or Indian tribe or band in the State of Nebraska or (ii) nonprofit

13 organization, the primary purpose of which includes economic development,

14 workforce and talent development, or community development, may apply to

15 the department for a grant under the New Taxpayer Recruitment Grant Act

16 for such fiscal year.

17 (b) Such application shall be on a form prescribed by the department

18 that includes:

19 (i) The name of the grant applicant;

20 (ii) The name, title, email address, mailing address, and telephone

21 number for an individual who will serve as the point of contact for the

22 grant applicant for the department; and

23 (iii) A new taxpayer recruitment program plan that includes the

24 following:

25 (A) The total estimated cost of the program and the itemized

26 estimated costs associated with the program's design, administration,

1 marketing, and relocation incentive initiatives;

2 (B) A description of the program implementation roles undertaken and

3 related costs of the grant applicant or other entities;

4 (C) The program's household goal and the estimated incentive amount

5 per household;

6 (D) The program's estimated state and local tax impact; and

7 (E) The program's estimated total economic impact.

8 (2) Each fiscal year, the department shall award grants under the

9 New Taxpayer Recruitment Grant Act to grant applicants with approved

10 applications for the purpose of the administration of new taxpayer

11 recruitment programs of such grant applicants and the costs associated

12 with incentivizing households to relocate from locations that are outside

13 of this state to municipalities in this state.

14 (3) To qualify for a grant under the New Taxpayer Recruitment Grant

15 Act, a grant applicant shall:

16 (a) Demonstrate such grant applicant's ability to contribute funding

17 equal to at least twenty percent of the total cost of the new taxpayer

18 recruitment program and a description of anticipated funding sources. The

19 grant applicant's contribution may include local funds or in-kind

20 donations pursuant to section 112 of this act; and

21 (b) If the grant applicant is a previous recipient of a grant under

22 the New Taxpayer Recruitment Grant Act, submit evidence that the grant

23 applicant has met the household goal stated in the new taxpayer
24 recruitment program plan that was submitted with the application for such
25 previous grant.
26 (4) The department shall consider applications in the order in which
27 they are received. If a grant applicant qualifies for a grant, the
28 department shall approve the application and notify the grant applicant
29 of the approval within thirty days of receiving the application.
30 (5) The department may approve applications and award grants under
31 the New Taxpayer Recruitment Grant Act subject to available funding in
1 the New Taxpayer Recruitment Grant Cash Fund.
2 (6) Any grant applicant shall not receive more than two hundred
3 fifty thousand dollars in grants under the New Taxpayer Recruitment Grant
4 Act in a fiscal year.
5 (7) The department shall disburse fifty percent of a grant to the
6 grant applicant when the grant is initially awarded and fifty percent of
7 the grant upon the grant applicant reporting to the department that it
8 has successfully met half of the household goal stated in the new
9 taxpayer recruitment program plan. If the grant applicant fails to meet
10 half of such goal, the department shall not disburse the remaining amount
11 of the grant and such remaining amount shall be reawarded to other grant
12 applicants with approved applications.
13 Sec. 110. To be eligible for incentives from new taxpayer
14 recruitment programs funded by grants under the New Taxpayer Recruitment
15 Grant Act, a household shall submit an application to a grant recipient
16 for the new taxpayer recruitment program of such grant recipient that
17 includes:
18 (1) The name, date of birth, email address, phone number, and last
19 four digits of the social security number for an individual who will
20 serve as the primary point of contact for the household;
21 (2) The name, date of birth, and relationship to the primary point
22 of contact for all members of the household;
23 (3) The mailing address for the primary place of residence for the
24 household. Such address shall be outside of the State of Nebraska at the
25 time the household applies for new taxpayer recruitment program
26 incentives;
27 (4) Records deemed sufficient by the grant recipient to demonstrate
28 proof of employment and income for each employed individual in the
29 household and a brief job description for each employed individual. Such
30 records shall demonstrate a household annual income of at least fifty-
31 five thousand dollars to be eligible for new taxpayer recruitment program
1 incentives; and
2 (5) Whether any members of the household are veterans.
3 Sec. 111. (1) Each grant recipient shall provide semiannual reports
4 to the department with the following data regarding new taxpayer
5 recruitment program outcomes:
6 (a) Total number of applications received from households;
7 (b) Total number of approved applications for incentives;
8 (c) The incentive provided to each approved household;
9 (d) The annual income and occupation of each individual from an
10 approved household; and
11 (e) The estimated economic impact of the new taxpayer recruitment
12 program, including state and local tax revenue and new consumer spending.
13 (2) Each household that receives an incentive from a new taxpayer
14 recruitment program funded by a grant under the New Taxpayer Recruitment
15 Grant Act shall provide the grant recipient that provided an incentive to
16 such household with the information that is reasonably necessary to
17 complete the semiannual reports required under this section. Grant
18 recipients may rely in good faith on such household information for
19 purposes of completing semiannual reports.
20 Sec. 112. Unless otherwise prohibited by law, any grant applicant

21 may utilize any resource available to it for the local funds or in-kind
 22 donations required in subdivision (3) of section 109 of this act,
 23 including, but not limited to:
 24 (1) Any resource collected and disbursed pursuant to the Local
 25 Option Municipal Economic Development Act;
 26 (2) Any federal funding;
 27 (3) Any donation or contribution of private funding; and
 28 (4) The estimated market value of any donated good or service from
 29 any public or private source.
 30 Sec. 113. The New Taxpayer Recruitment Grant Cash Fund is created.
 31 The department shall administer the fund and use the fund to finance
 1 grants for new taxpayer recruitment programs under the New Taxpayer
 2 Recruitment Grant Act. The fund shall consist of money transferred by the
 3 Legislature, and gifts, grants, and bequests from any source, including
 4 federal, public, and private sources. Any money in the fund available for
 5 investment shall be invested by the state investment officer pursuant to
 6 the Nebraska Capital Expansion Act and the Nebraska State Funds
 7 Investment Act.
 8 Sec. 114. The department may adopt and promulgate rules and
 9 regulations to carry out the New Taxpayer Recruitment Grant Act.
 10 2. Renumber the remaining sections and correct internal references
 11 accordingly.
 12 3. Correct the operative date section so that the sections added by
 13 this amendment become operative three calendar months after the
 14 adjournment of this legislative session.

Senator Hallstrom filed the following amendment to LB1114:

FA1142

In AM2838, strike section 95; and on page 12, strike lines 24 through 29.

Senator McKinney filed the following amendment to LB1114:

FA1145

To ER160, Strike Sec. 92 (9).

Senator Raybould filed the following amendments to LB1075:

AM2985

(Amendments to Standing Committee amendments, AM2496)

1 1. Insert the following new section:
 2 Sec. 51. Section 49-1446.02, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska,
 3 is amended to read:
 4 49-1446.02 Notwithstanding any other provision of the Nebraska
 5 Political Accountability and Disclosure Act, no committee shall make
 6 ~~expenditures~~~~expend funds for the purchase or payment of:~~
 7 (1) Clothes or medical or dental expenses of a candidate or the
 8 members of his or her immediate family;
 9 (2) Installment payments for an automobile owned by a candidate;
 10 (3) Mortgage or rental payments for a permanent residence of a
 11 candidate;
 12 (4) The satisfaction of personal debts, including installment
 13 payments on personal loans, except campaign loans subject to reporting
 14 required by subsection (2) of section 49-1456;
 15 (5) Personal services, including the services of a lawyer or
 16 accountant, except campaign services subject to reporting pursuant to the
 17 provisions of section 49-1455; ~~or~~
 18 (6) Office supplies, staff, or furnishings for the public office for
 19 which an individual is a candidate for nomination or election except as
 20 set out in subsection (2) of section 49-1446.01; ~~or~~
 21 (7) In the case of a ballot question committee, the purpose of

22 influencing or attempting to influence the action of voters in assistance
 23 of or in opposition to the nomination or election of a candidate; or
 24 (8) In the case of a candidate committee, goods, materials,
 25 services, or facilities on behalf of a ballot question committee,
 26 including, for the purpose of receiving a lower rate on advertisements,
 1 the broadcast of advertisements which were produced by the ballot
 2 question committee but paid for by the candidate committee. This
 3 subdivision shall not prohibit a candidate or candidate committee from
 4 expressing a position or opinion in support of or in opposition to a
 5 ballot question or initiative or referendum petition.
 6 2. Renumber the remaining sections and correct internal references
 7 accordingly.
 8 3. Correct the operative date and repealer sections so that the
 9 section added by this amendment becomes operative three calendar months
 10 after the adjournment of this legislative session.

[AM3054](#)

(Amendments to Standing Committee amendments, AM2496)

1 1. Insert the following new section:
 2 Sec. 51. Section 49-1446.02, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska,
 3 is amended to read:
 4 49-1446.02 Notwithstanding any other provision of the Nebraska
 5 Political Accountability and Disclosure Act, no committee shall make
 6 expenditures ~~expend funds for the purchase or payment of:~~
 7 (1) Clothes or medical or dental expenses of a candidate or the
 8 members of his or her immediate family;
 9 (2) Installment payments for an automobile owned by a candidate;
 10 (3) Mortgage or rental payments for a permanent residence of a
 11 candidate;
 12 (4) The satisfaction of personal debts, including installment
 13 payments on personal loans, except campaign loans subject to reporting
 14 required by subsection (2) of section 49-1456;
 15 (5) Personal services, including the services of a lawyer or
 16 accountant, except campaign services subject to reporting pursuant to the
 17 provisions of section 49-1455; ~~or~~
 18 (6) Office supplies, staff, or furnishings for the public office for
 19 which an individual is a candidate for nomination or election except as
 20 set out in subsection (2) of section 49-1446.01; ~~or~~;
 21 (7) In the case of a candidate committee, goods, materials,
 22 services, or facilities on behalf of a ballot question committee,
 23 including, for the purpose of receiving a lower rate on advertisements,
 24 the broadcast of advertisements which were produced by the ballot
 25 question committee but paid for by the candidate committee. This
 26 subdivision shall not prohibit a candidate or candidate committee from
 1 expressing a position or opinion in support of or in opposition to a
 2 ballot question or initiative or referendum petition.
 3 2. Renumber the remaining sections and correct internal references
 4 accordingly.
 5 3. Correct the operative date and repealer sections so that the
 6 section added by this amendment becomes operative three calendar months
 7 after the adjournment of this legislative session.

Senator Ballard filed the following amendment to [LB1075](#):

[AM3024](#)

(Amendments to AM2955)

1 1. Insert the following new sections:
 2 Sec. 3. Section 15-901, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is
 3 amended to read:
 4 15-901 (1) Except as provided in section 13-327, the

5 extraterritorial zoning jurisdiction of a city of the primary class shall
6 consist of the unincorporated area three miles beyond and adjacent to its
7 corporate boundaries.

8 (2) No owner of real estate located within the corporate limits of
9 any city of the primary class or within the extraterritorial zoning
10 jurisdiction of any city of the primary class, when such real estate is
11 located in the same county as the city and outside of any incorporated
12 city or village, shall be permitted to subdivide, plat, or lay out the
13 real estate in building lots and streets, or other portions of the real
14 estate intended to be dedicated for public use or for the use of the
15 purchasers or owners of lots fronting thereon or adjacent thereto,
16 without first having obtained approval by the city planning commission
17 and, when applicable, having complied with sections 39-1311 to
18 39-1311.05. No plat or subdivision of such real estate shall be recorded
19 in the office of the register of deeds or have any force or effect unless
20 such plat or subdivision is approved by the city planning commission. A
21 city of the primary class shall have the authority within its corporate
22 limits and extraterritorial zoning jurisdiction to regulate the
23 subdivision of land for the purpose, whether immediate or future, of
24 transferring ownership or building development, except that the city
25 shall have no power to regulate subdivision in those instances where the
26 smallest parcel created is more than ten acres in area. A city of the
1 primary class shall have the authority within its corporate limits and
2 extraterritorial zoning jurisdiction to prescribe standards for laying
3 out subdivisions in harmony with the comprehensive plan; to require the
4 installation of improvements by the owner, by the creation of public
5 improvement districts, or by requiring a good and sufficient bond
6 guaranteeing installation of such improvements; and to require the
7 dedication of land for public purposes.

8 (3) For purposes of this section, subdivision shall mean the
9 division of a lot, tract, or parcel of land into two or more lots, sites,
10 or other divisions of land for the purpose, whether immediate or future,
11 of ownership or building development, except that the division of land
12 shall not be considered to be subdivision when the smallest parcel
13 created is more than ten acres in area.

14 (4) Subdivision plats in a city of the primary class shall be
15 approved by the city planning commission on recommendation by the city
16 planning director and public works and utilities department. The city
17 planning commission may withhold approval of a plat until the public
18 works and utilities department has certified that the improvements
19 required by the regulations have been satisfactorily installed, until a
20 sufficient bond guaranteeing installation of the improvements has been
21 posted, or until public improvement districts are created. The city
22 council may provide procedures in land subdivision regulations for appeal
23 by any person aggrieved by any action of the city planning commission or
24 city planning director on any plat.

25 (5) Electors residing in the extraterritorial zoning jurisdiction of
26 a city of the primary class shall be considered electors of such city for
27 all matters, except bond elections.

28 Sec. 8. Section 32-553, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement,
29 2024, is amended to read:

30 32-553 (1)(a) When any political subdivision except a public power
31 district nominates or elects members of the governing board by districts,
1 such districts shall be substantially equal in population as determined
2 by the most recent federal decennial census.

3 (b) Any such political subdivision that has districts in place on
4 the date the census figures used in drawing district boundaries for the
5 Legislature are required to be submitted to the state by the United
6 States Department of Commerce, Bureau of the Census, shall, if necessary
7 to maintain substantial population equality as required by this

8 subsection, have new district boundaries drawn within six months after
 9 the passage and approval of the legislative bill providing for
 10 reestablishing legislative districts. Any such political subdivision in
 11 existence on the date the census figures used in drawing district
 12 boundaries for the Legislature are required to be submitted to the state
 13 by the United States Department of Commerce, Bureau of the Census, and
 14 which has not established any district boundaries shall establish
 15 district boundaries pursuant to this section within six months after such
 16 date.

17 (c) If the deadline for drawing or redrawing district boundary lines
 18 imposed by this section is not met, the procedures set forth in section
 19 32-555 shall be followed.

20 (2) The governing board of each such political subdivision shall be
 21 responsible for drawing its own district boundaries and shall, as nearly
 22 as possible, follow the precinct lines created by the election
 23 commissioner or county clerk after each federal decennial census, except
 24 that the election commissioner of any county in which a Class IV or V
 25 school district is located shall draw district boundaries for such school
 26 district as provided in this section and section 32-552.

27 (3) On or before January 1, 2027, any city of the primary class that
 28 elects members of its governing board by district shall redraw such
 29 district boundaries to include the extraterritorial zoning jurisdiction
 30 of such city. Thereafter, when a city of the primary class is required to
 31 redraw such district boundaries, such city shall include the
 1 extraterritorial zoning jurisdiction of the city.

Senator Sorrentino filed the following amendment to [LB921](#):
[AM3061](#) is available in the Bill Room.

MOTION(S) - Print in Journal

Senator J. Cavanaugh filed the following motions to [LB1075](#):
[MO556](#)
 Bracket until April 17, 2026.

[MO557](#)
 Recommit to the Government, Military and Veterans Affairs Committee.

Senator Dungan filed the following motions to [LB1075](#):
[MO558](#)
 Bracket until April 17, 2026.

[MO559](#)
 Recommit to the Government, Military and Veterans Affairs Committee.

VISITOR(S)

Visitors to the Chamber were students from Washington Elementary, Omaha; Jack Cavanaugh, V, Omaha; students from St. Leonard Catholic School, Madison; members of Nebraska Insurance Federation; Steve and Cameron Schadendorf, California.

ADJOURNMENT

At 9:38 p.m., on a motion by Senator Holdcroft, the Legislature adjourned until 9:00 a.m., Thursday, April 2, 2026.

Brandon Metzler
Clerk of the Legislature