

EIGHTH DAY - JANUARY 16, 2026**LEGISLATIVE JOURNAL****ONE HUNDRED NINTH LEGISLATURE
SECOND SESSION****EIGHTH DAY**

Legislative Chamber, Lincoln, Nebraska
Friday, January 16, 2026

PRAYER

The prayer was offered by Senator DeKay.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was offered by Senator Sorrentino.

ROLL CALL

Pursuant to adjournment, the Legislature met at 10:00 a.m., Senator DeBoer presiding.

The roll was called and all members were present except Senators Armendariz, Brandt, F. Meyer, and Spivey who were excused; and Senators Conrad and Hunt who were excused until they arrive.

CORRECTIONS FOR THE JOURNAL

The Journal for the seventh day was approved.

NOTICE OF COMMITTEE HEARING(S)
Judiciary
Room 1525 1:30 PM

Friday, January 23, 2026
LB965 (cancel)

(Signed) Carolyn Bosn, Chairperson

Transportation and Telecommunications
Room 1510 1:30 PM

Monday, January 26, 2026

LB781
LB886
LB922
LB972

Room 1510 1:30 PM

Tuesday, January 27, 2026

Blake H Dillon - Nebraska Motor Vehicle Industry Licensing Board
Steven J Matus - Nebraska Motor Vehicle Industry Licensing Board
Mike Anderson - Nebraska Motor Vehicle Industry Licensing Board
Dennis Butler - Nebraska Motor Vehicle Industry Licensing Board
Thomas R McCaslin - Nebraska Motor Vehicle Industry Licensing Board
Clint Jones - Nebraska Motor Vehicle Industry Licensing Board

(Signed) Mike Moser, Chairperson

REFERENCE COMMITTEE REPORT

The Legislative Council Executive Board submits the following report:

LB/LR	Committee
LB1032	Judiciary
LB1033	Health and Human Services
LB1034	Education
LB1035	Banking, Commerce and Insurance
LB1036	Judiciary
LB1037	Revenue
LB1038	Revenue
LB1039	Education
LB1040	Judiciary
LB1041	Urban Affairs
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LB1057	Health and Human Services

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LB1059	Judiciary
LB1060	Judiciary
LB1061	Education
LB1062	Banking, Commerce and Insurance
LB1063	Banking, Commerce and Insurance
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LB1065	Executive Board
LB1066	Executive Board
LB1067	Revenue
LB1068	Government, Military and Veterans Affairs
LB1069	Banking, Commerce and Insurance
LB1070	Appropriations
LR303CA	Business and Labor

(Signed) Ben Hansen, Chairperson
Executive Board

AMENDMENT(S) - Print in Journal

Senator Kauth filed the following amendment to LB1071:

FA730

Strike the enacting clause.

Senator Kauth filed the following amendment to LB1072:

FA731

Strike the enacting clause.

Senator Kauth filed the following amendment to LB1073:

FA732

Strike the enacting clause.

Senator Kauth filed the following amendment to LB1074:

FA733

Strike the enacting clause.

Senator Kauth filed the following amendment to LB1075:

FA734

Strike the enacting clause.

Senator Kauth filed the following amendment to LB1076:

FA735

Strike the enacting clause.

Senator Kauth filed the following amendment to LB1077:

FA736

Strike the enacting clause.

Senator Kauth filed the following amendment to LB1078:

FA737

Strike the enacting clause.

Senator Kauth filed the following amendment to LB1079:

FA738

Strike the enacting clause.

Senator Kauth filed the following amendment to LB1080:

FA739

Strike the enacting clause.

Senator Kauth filed the following amendment to LB1081:

FA740

Strike the enacting clause.

Senator Kauth filed the following amendment to LB1082:

FA741

Strike the enacting clause.

Senator Kauth filed the following amendment to LB1083:

FA742

Strike the enacting clause.

Senator Kauth filed the following amendment to LB1084:

FA743

Strike the enacting clause.

Senator Kauth filed the following amendment to LB1085:

FA744

Strike the enacting clause.

Senator Kauth filed the following amendment to LB1086:

FA745

Strike the enacting clause.

Senator Kauth filed the following amendment to LB1087:

FA746

Strike the enacting clause.

Senator Kauth filed the following amendment to LB1088:

FA747

Strike the enacting clause.

Senator Kauth filed the following amendment to LB1089:

FA748

Strike the enacting clause.

Senator Kauth filed the following amendment to LB1090:

FA749

Strike the enacting clause.

Senator Kauth filed the following amendment to LB1091:
FA750

Strike the enacting clause.

Senator Kauth filed the following amendment to LB1092:
FA751

Strike the enacting clause.

Senator Kauth filed the following amendment to LB1093:
FA752

Strike the enacting clause.

Senator Kauth filed the following amendment to LB1094:
FA753

Strike the enacting clause.

Senator Kauth filed the following amendment to LB1095:
FA754

Strike the enacting clause.

Senator Kauth filed the following amendment to LB1096:
FA755

Strike the enacting clause.

REPORT OF REGISTERED LOBBYISTS

Following is a list of all lobbyists who have registered as of January 15, 2026, in accordance with Section 49-1481, Revised Statutes of Nebraska. Additional lobbyists who have registered will be filed weekly.

Amack, Angela K.
Kissel Kohout ES Associates, LLC

Andersen, Wendy
Common Coalition

Bingham, Todd
Nebraska Chamber of Commerce & Industry

Blomstrom, John
Veterans Guardian VA Claim Consulting LLC

Bruckner, Traci
Audubon Nebraska

Curtis, Kelvin
National Rifle Association

Gandhi, Sunny
Encode AI Corporation

HBS
Kissel Kohout ES Associates, LLC
Tallgrass Energy

Jensen Rogert Associates, Inc.
Kissel Kohout ES Associates, LLC

Kelley Plucker, LLC
American Staffing Association
Lempel, Howie
Secure AI Project
Lindsay Harr MacDonald
Clarkson College
Miller, Brennen
Kissel Kohout ES Associates, LLC
Naseem, Natasha
Center for Immigrant and Refugee Advancement (CIRA)
Nebraska Strategies
Hausmann Construction
Kissel Kohout ES Associates, LLC
Plasma Games
Stephen Center, Inc.
Peetz & Schrader
National Association of Vision Care Plans, Inc.
Nebraska Thoroughbred Breeders Association
Radcliffe Gilbertson & Brady
Kissel Kohout ES Associates, LLC
Schrodt, Dexter
Nebraska Independent Community Bankers
Shah, Neal
NioCorp
Smith, Jim
NioCorp
Wagelie, Sarah
Kissel Kohout ES Associates, LLC
Zulkoski Weber LLC
Kissel Kohout ES Associates, LLC
Nebraska Land Trust
Sanofi US Services Inc.

(Signed) Brandon Metzler
Clerk of the Legislature

REPORTS

Agency reports electronically filed with the Legislature can be found on the [Nebraska Legislature's website](#).

MOTION - Suspend Rules

Senator Ballard offered the following motion:
Suspend Rule 5, Sec. 15(a), to permit the introduction of new bills,
Req. 4271, Req. 4455, and Req. 3999.

The Ballard motion to suspend the rules prevailed with 36 ayes, 0 nays, 7 present and not voting, and 6 excused and not voting.

BILLS ON FIRST READING

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

LEGISLATIVE BILL 1101. Introduced by Nebraska Retirement Systems Committee: Ballard, 21, Chairperson; Clements, 2; Hardin, 48; Juarez, 5; Sorrentino, 39.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to retirement; to amend section 24-703, Revised Statutes Supplement, 2025; to change the amount of the state contribution to the Nebraska Retirement Fund for Judges; to repeal the original section; and to declare an emergency.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 1102. Introduced by Ballard, 21.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to the Class V School Employees Retirement Act; to amend section 79-978.01, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, and sections 79-978 and 79-9,103, Revised Statutes Supplement, 2025; to redefine retirement date; to provide requirements for monthly payments of retirement allowances; to change when certain cost-of-living adjustments occur; to harmonize provisions; and to repeal the original sections.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 1103. Introduced by Bostar, 29.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to the Nebraska State Patrol Retirement Act; to amend sections 81-2025 and 81-2041, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; to raise the mandatory retirement age as prescribed; to change provisions relating to deferred retirement option plans; and to repeal the original sections.

COMMITTEE ON COMMITTEES FINAL REPORT

Senator Bosn moved to approve the final Committee on Committees report.

The Bosn motion to approve the final Committee on Committees report prevailed with 40 ayes, 0 nays, and 9 present and not voting.

BILLS ON FIRST READING

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

LEGISLATIVE BILL 1097. Introduced by Conrad, 46.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to civil actions; to amend sections 13-903 and 81-8,210, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, and section 25-228, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024; to adopt the State and

Political Subdivisions Sexual Abuse Liability Act; to change provisions relating to a statute of limitations for actions by sexual abuse victims; to exempt actions from the Political Subdivisions Tort Claims Act and the State Tort Claims Act; to redefine terms; to harmonize provisions; and to repeal the original sections.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 1098. Introduced by Juarez, 5; DeBoer, 10; Fredrickson, 20; Guereca, 7.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to railroads; to adopt the State Rail Plan Act.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 1099. Introduced by Hansen, 16.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to license plates; to amend section 66-4,100, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024, and section 60-3,163.02, Revised Statutes Supplement, 2025; to provide for Husker Red License Plates; to provide duties to the Department of Motor Vehicles; to change provisions relating to the Highway Cash Fund and the Roads Operations Cash Fund; to eliminate obsolete provisions; to harmonize provisions; and to repeal the original sections.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 1100. Introduced by Sorrentino, 39.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to civil procedure; to amend section 25-101, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; to modernize language; and to repeal the original section.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 1104. Introduced by Dover, 19.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to the Motor Vehicle Registration Act; to amend sections 60-362 and 60-3,164, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; to provide powers and duties to the Department of Motor Vehicles and the Department of Revenue; to provide for a determination that a resident owner is avoiding certain taxes and fees; to provide for a determination that a motor vehicle or trailer has been kept for more than thirty days in this state and has situs in this state; to harmonize provisions; and to repeal the original sections.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 1105. Introduced by Dover, 19.

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

LEGISLATIVE BILL 1106. Introduced by Prokop, 27.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to funds transfers; to amend section 71-7611, Revised Statutes Supplement, 2025; to provide for transfers of funds from the Nebraska Health Care Cash Fund to the Patient Safety Cash

Fund; to harmonize provisions; to repeal the original section; and to declare an emergency.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 1107. Introduced by Meyer, G., 17.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to the Rural Road Improvement District Act; to amend sections 39-1638, 39-1639, 39-1640, 39-1641, 39-1642, 39-1643, 39-1644, 39-1645, 39-1646, 39-1647, 39-1648, 39-1649, 39-1650, 39-1651, 39-1652, 39-1653, and 39-1655, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; to define and redefine terms; to change provisions relating to creation, enlargement, withdrawal, consolidation, dissolution, petitions, hearings, improvements, funds, bonds, special assessments, certain taxes, and levies for rural road improvement districts; to eliminate provisions relating to construction of the act; to harmonize provisions; to repeal the original sections; and to outright repeal section 39-1654, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska.

GENERAL FILE

LEGISLATIVE BILL 463. Considered.

Senator Ballard moved for a call of the house. The motion prevailed with 34 ayes, 1 nay, and 10 not voting.

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

Voting in the affirmative, 25:

Arch	Cavanaugh, M.	Dungan	Hunt	Prokop
Ballard	Conrad	Fredrickson	Juarez	Quick
Bosn	DeBoer	Guereca	Kauth	Rountree
Bostar	Dorn	Hallstrom	McKinney	Sorrentino
Cavanaugh, J.	Dover	Hardin	Meyer, G.	Wordekemper

Voting in the negative, 15:

Andersen	DeKay	Jacobson	Moser	Storm
Clements	Holdcroft	Lippincott	Riepe	Strommen
Clouse	Ibach	Lonowski	Sanders	von Gillern

Present and not voting, 5:

Hansen	Hughes	Murman	Raybould	Storer
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Excused and not voting, 4:

Armendariz	Brandt	Meyer, F.	Spivey
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Advanced to Enrollment and Review Initial with 25 ayes, 15 nays, 5 present and not voting, and 4 excused and not voting.

The Chair declared the call raised.

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 18CA. Read. Considered.

Senator Clements offered [AM1727](#), found on page 331.

The Clements amendment was withdrawn.

Pending.

BILLS ON FIRST READING

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

LEGISLATIVE BILL 1108. Introduced by Clouse, 37.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to the public entities; to amend sections 13-824.01 and 13-824.02, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, and section 70-637, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024; to change provisions related to contracts entered into by and bidding requirements and exceptions for certain entities; and to repeal the original sections.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 1109. Introduced by von Gillern, 4; at the request of the Governor.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to revenue and taxation; to amend sections 77-2704.46, 77-27,235, and 77-5804, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, and sections 77-382, 77-2704.12, 77-2704.15, and 77-6818, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024; to eliminate certain sales and use tax exemptions and a renewable energy tax credit; to change provisions relating to the use of credits under the Nebraska Advantage Research and Development Act; to redefine a term under the ImagiNE Nebraska Act; to harmonize provisions; to provide an operative date; 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.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 1110. Introduced by von Gillern, 4.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to revenue and taxation; to amend sections 77-367, 77-377.01, 77-3,109, 77-3,118, and 77-27,107, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, sections 77-377.02 and 77-3012, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024, and sections 9-1,101, 77-4025, and 77-5601, Revised Statutes Supplement, 2025; to change provisions relating to the confidentiality of shared information; to provide for fees; to change provisions relating to the use of funds; to change provisions relating to

contracts between collection agencies and the Tax Commissioner; to provide for certain transfers; to change provisions relating to the collection and enforcement of delinquent income tax claims; to change the distribution of certain tax revenue; to harmonize provisions; to provide an operative date; to repeal the original sections; and to declare an emergency.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 1111. Introduced by Cavanaugh, M., 6; McKinney, 11.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to electricity; to amend section 70-1025, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024, and section 70-1506, Revised Statutes Supplement, 2025; to require an annual data center load report to the Nebraska Power Review Board; to define and redefine terms; to provide powers and duties for public power suppliers; to allow and require regulation of data centers as prescribed; to change provisions relating to regulation of cryptocurrency mining operation; and to repeal the original sections.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 1112. Introduced by McKinney, 11.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to schools; to adopt the Statewide Standardized Grading System Act; to provide an operative date; and to declare an emergency.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 1113. Introduced by Urban Affairs Committee: McKinney, 11, Chairperson; Cavanaugh, J., 9; Quick, 35; Rountree, 3.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to the Community Development Law; to amend section 18-2147, Revised Statutes Supplement, 2025; to change provisions relating to notices for dividing ad valorem taxes; and to repeal the original section.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 1114. Introduced by Urban Affairs Committee: McKinney, 11, Chairperson; Cavanaugh, J., 9; Quick, 35; Rountree, 3.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to the Community Development Law; to amend section 18-2155, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024; to change provisions related to eligibility of redevelopment plans for expedited review; and to repeal the original section.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 1115. Introduced by Storer, 43.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to liquor; to amend sections 53-201, 53-202, 53-213, 53-216, 53-217, 53-218, 53-220, 53-221, 53-222, and 53-223, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; to redefine a term; to exempt microbreweries from certain agreement requirements between beer suppliers and wholesalers; to harmonize provisions; to provide an operative date; and to repeal the original sections.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 1116. Introduced by Ibach, 44.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to the Sports Arena Facility Financing Assistance Act; to amend section 13-3105, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, section 13-3108, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024, and sections 13-3103 and 13-3106, Revised Statutes Supplement, 2025; to change provisions relating to limitations on state assistance, public hearings, and application approvals; to harmonize provisions; to repeal the original sections; and to declare an emergency.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 1117. Introduced by Ibach, 44; Armendariz, 18; Lippincott, 34; Strommen, 47.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to postsecondary education; to amend section 80-411, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, and sections 85-2615, 85-2616, 85-2618, 85-2620, and 85-2621, Revised Statutes Supplement, 2025; to change requirements for tuition waivers for dependents of veterans as prescribed; to provide for reimbursement for tuition waivers as prescribed; to change requirements, limitations, amounts, and reimbursement provisions for tuition waivers under the First Responder Recruitment and Retention Act; to harmonize provisions; and to repeal the original sections.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 1118. Introduced by Bosn, 25.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to the Uniform Deceptive Trade Practices Act; to amend section 87-302, Revised Statutes Supplement, 2025; to classify certain actions by a social media platform as deceptive trade practices under the act; and to repeal the original section.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 1119. Introduced by Bosn, 25.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to the Age-Appropriate Online Design Code Act; to amend sections 87-1301, 87-1302, 87-1305, and 87-1308, Revised Statutes Supplement, 2025; to redefine terms; to change provisions relating to the collection and use of personal data and prohibited acts; to provide additional duties and prohibitions for a covered online service; to harmonize provisions; and to repeal the original sections.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 1120. Introduced by Hansen, 16; Andersen, 49; Holdcroft, 36; Lonowski, 33; Riepe, 12; Rountree, 3.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to gaming; to amend sections 9-401, 9-411, 9-415, 9-431, 9-501, 9-507, and 9-509, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, and sections 9-427 and 9-511, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024; to authorize a progressive jackpot form of lottery and raffle under the Nebraska Lottery and Raffle Act and the Nebraska Small Lottery and Raffle Act as prescribed; to provide powers and duties to the Department of Revenue; to harmonize provisions; and to repeal the original sections.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 1121. Introduced by Ballard, 21.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to recreational vehicles; to amend sections 60-1402 and 60-2701, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, and sections 60-1438.01 and 71-4603, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024; to adopt the Recreational Vehicle Industry Regulation Act; to eliminate certain provisions relating to recreational vehicles under the Motor Vehicle Industry Regulation Act; to provide for additional members on the Nebraska Motor Vehicle Industry Licensing Board and change provisions relating to such board; to redefine a term relating to manufacturer's warranties; to redefine a term under the Uniform Standard Code for Manufactured Homes and Recreational Vehicles; to provide an operative date; and to repeal the original sections.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 1122. Introduced by Bostar, 29.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to appropriations; to state intent regarding appropriations to the Department of Health and Human Services for medicaid nursing facility rates and related reports; and to declare an emergency.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 1123. Introduced by Bostar, 29.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to public safety; to amend section 28-610, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, and section 28-1205, Revised Statutes Supplement, 2025; to provide protections for certain public safety personnel as prescribed; to define terms; to provide requirements relating to Brady-Giglio lists; to provide confidentiality for officers; to provide duties for prosecuting agencies and public safety agencies; to prohibit retaliation; to change the penalty for impersonating a peace officer; to harmonize provisions; to provide operative dates; to provide severability; and to repeal the original sections.

RESOLUTION(S)**LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 305CA.** Introduced by Lippincott, 34; Hansen, 16; Holdcroft, 36; Murman, 38.

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

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

To add a new section 12 to Article XVII:

XVII-12 The Governor, Lieutenant Governor, Secretary of State, State Treasurer, Attorney General, or Auditor of Public Accounts or any member of the Legislature may be recalled from office through the procedure and in the manner provided for by law. The procedure shall be known as recall and

shall be in addition to any other method of removal from office provided by this Constitution.

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

A constitutional amendment to provide for recall of the Governor, Lieutenant Governor, Secretary of State, State Treasurer, Attorney General, Auditor of Public Accounts, and members of the Legislature as provided by law.

For

Against.

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 306. Introduced by McKinney, 11; Andersen, 49; Arch, 14; Ballard, 21; Bosn, 25; Bostar, 29; Cavanaugh, J., 9; Cavanaugh, M., 6; Clements, 2; Clouse, 37; Conrad, 46; DeBoer, 10; DeKay, 40; Dorn, 30; Dover, 19; Dungan, 26; Fredrickson, 20; Guereca, 7; Hallstrom, 1; Hansen, 16; Hardin, 48; Holdcroft, 36; Hughes, 24; Hunt, 8; Ibach, 44; Jacobson, 42; Juarez, 5; Kauth, 31; Lippincott, 34; Lonowski, 33; Meyer, G., 17; Moser, 22; Murman, 38; Prokop, 27; Quick, 35; Raybould, 28; Riepe, 12; Rountree, 3; Sanders, 45; Sorrentino, 39; Storer, 43; Storm, 23; Strommen, 47; von Gillern, 4; Wordekemper, 15.

WHEREAS, Todd Meneely was a former University of Nebraska at Omaha wrestler, a three-time National Collegiate Athletic Association Division II national wrestling champion, and a four-time Nebraska State Wrestling Champion at Omaha Skutt Catholic High School; and

WHEREAS, Todd's legacy extended beyond the mat and he served as a mentor and coach to young athletes; and

WHEREAS, Todd passed away on January 7, 2026, from injuries sustained in a car accident; and

WHEREAS, Todd was the proud father of Breckin and Truin Meneely; and

WHEREAS, the Legislature recognizes Todd's athletic achievements, his contributions to the Omaha community, and the impact he had on the lives of those he coached and inspired.

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

1. That the Legislature expresses condolences to the family, friends, and community of Todd Meneely.
2. That a copy of this resolution be sent to the family of Todd Meneely.

Laid over.

GENERAL FILE

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 18CA. Considered.

SENATOR IBACH PRESIDING

SENATOR DEBOER PRESIDING

Senator Sanders moved for a call of the house. The motion prevailed with 33 ayes, 1 nay, and 15 not voting.

Senator Sanders requested a roll call vote on the advancement of the resolution.

Voting in the affirmative, 23:

Andersen	Dorn	Hughes	McKinney	Sanders
Cavanaugh, J.	Dungan	Hunt	Prokop	Storer
Cavanaugh, M.	Fredrickson	Juarez	Quick	Strommen
Conrad	Guereca	Kauth	Raybould	
DeKay	Holdcroft	Lonowski	Rountree	

Voting in the negative, 20:

Arch	Clouse	Hardin	Meyer, G.	Sorrentino
Ballard	DeBoer	Ibach	Moser	Storm
Bosn	Dover	Jacobson	Murman	von Gillern
Clements	Hansen	Lippincott	Riepe	Wordekemper

Present and not voting, 2:

Bostar Hallstrom

Excused and not voting, 4:

Armendariz Brandt Meyer, F. Spivey

Failed to advance to Enrollment and Review Initial with 23 ayes, 20 nays, 2 present and not voting, and 4 excused and not voting.

The Chair declared the call raised.

NOTICE OF COMMITTEE HEARING(S)

Education

Room 1525 1:30 PM

Monday, January 26, 2026

LB833

LB956

LB870

Note: This will be a combined hearing with LB1061

LB745

(Signed) Dave Murman, Chairperson

General Affairs
Room 1023 1:30 PM

Monday, January 26, 2026
Susan Lutz - Nebraska Commission on Problem Gambling
Matthew Monheiser - Nebraska Commission on Problem Gambling
LB782
LB828
LB1001
LB1047

(Signed) Rick Holdcroft, Chairperson

Health and Human Services
Room 1510 1:30 PM

Thursday, January 29, 2026
LB732
*This hearing item will operate under annotated committee guidelines.

(Signed) Brian Hardin, Chairperson

AMENDMENT(S) - Print in Journal

Senator Hansen filed the following amendment to LB832:
AM1724

1. On page 2, line 3, strike "2030" and insert "2028".

Senator Clouse filed the following amendment to LB400:
AM1696

(Amendments to Standing Committee amendments, AM702)

1 1. On page 1, line 13, strike "five" and insert "ten"; and in line
2 15 after "48-115" insert "and during the period of service the volunteer
3 actively participates or participated in a minimum of forty percent of
4 the drills conducted by the volunteer's department and a minimum of
5 twenty-five percent of the emergency calls received during the time the
6 volunteer serves or served on call".
7 2. On page 2, line 9, strike "digoxin" and insert "dioxin".
8 3. On page 5, strike beginning with "2026" in line 10 through
9 "retirement" in line 11 and insert "2027"; and in line 14, strike "2026"
10 and insert "2027".

MOTION(S) - PRINT IN JOURNAL

Speaker Arch offered the following motion:
Suspend Rule 3, Section 14 to permit the cancellation and the scheduling of
public hearings with less than seven calendar days' notice.

RESOLUTION(S)

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 304. Introduced by Fredrickson, 20.

WHEREAS, the Department of Health and Human Services is responsible for the safety, permanency, and well-being of five thousand one hundred seventy children as of November 30, 2025; and

WHEREAS, the State of Nebraska entered into a contract with Stephens Group in 2022 to conduct a study and make child welfare transformation recommendations for finance and practice models following the transition of the lead agency contract from PromiseShip to Saint Francis Ministries; and

WHEREAS, the State of Nebraska entered into a contract with Epiphany Associates to assist the Department of Health and Human Services to find efficiencies and cost savings in 2024. In doing so, a Phase I report was issued identifying efficiency potential for the Division of Children and Family Services of the Department of Health and Human Services and strategies to increase federal Title IV-E funding; and

WHEREAS, the Department of Health and Human Services has terminated contracts or assumed responsibility for lead agency case management, case management training, family finding, relative and kinship foster care support, the Nebraska Heart Gallery, and Foster Care Closet since 2021; and

WHEREAS, the State of Nebraska eliminated forty million dollars in Department of Health and Human Services funding during the 2024 Special Session and the Department of Health and Human Services has identified a Division of Children and Family Services budget deficit for the 2026-27 fiscal year.

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

1. That the Legislature hereby calls for the Legislative Oversight Committee to be designated to review, investigate, and assess the effect of child welfare efficiency practices on child safety, quality of Department of Health and Human Services services, and public and private workforce stability.

2. That the committee shall consult with the department, service providers currently or formerly under contract to the department, the Supreme Court, the Office of Inspector General of Nebraska Child Welfare, the Foster Care Review Office, and stakeholders representing state and local government, provider organizations, consumers, consumer advocates, and other parties as the committee deems helpful.

3. That the committee shall utilize existing studies, reports, and past presentations of information by the department relating to the effort to improve the child welfare system. The committee shall not be limited to such studies, reports, or presentations.

4. The committee shall issue a report with its findings and recommendations to the Legislature no later than December 1, 2026. Issues to be reported upon shall include, but need not be limited to:

- (a) The utilization of evidence-based interventions by the Division of Children and Family Services of the Department of Health and Human Services;
- (b) The effect of the child welfare efficiency practices and contract terminations on meeting the federal Child and Family Service Reviews' outcomes and indicators on safety, permanency, and well-being, including placement stability and case manager continuity;
- (c) The impact of expanded services by the Department of Health and Human Services on case load ratios, Child and Family Services Specialist turnover, including cross-department position changes, and workforce stability;
- (d) The continuity of services and transportation for children and families in all areas of the state for which the Department of Health and Human Services is responsible;
- (e) The return on investment and system of accountability for consultant recommendations to improve the practice and financing of child welfare in the State of Nebraska; and
- (f) The option of requesting the Legislative Audit Office and the Auditor of Public Accounts to conduct a joint performance and fiscal audit or separate audits of child welfare reforms.

Laid over.

SPEAKER'S ANNOUNCEMENT

Pursuant to Rule 4, Sec. 8, LR304 was referred to the Reference Committee.

UNANIMOUS CONSENT - Add Cointroducer(s)

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

Senator Dungan name added to LB958.

Senator Ibach name added to LB990.

Senator Conrad name added to LB1047.

WITHDRAW - Cointroducer(s)

Senator Juarez name withdrawn from LB1052.

VISITOR(S)

Visitors to the Chamber were first responders from across the state.

ADJOURNMENT

At 12:12 p.m., on a motion by Senator Lonowski, the Legislature adjourned until 10:00 a.m., Tuesday, January 20, 2026.

Brandon Metzler
Clerk of the Legislature