

**THIRTY-THIRD DAY - FEBRUARY 25, 2021**

**LEGISLATIVE JOURNAL**

**ONE HUNDRED SEVENTH LEGISLATURE  
FIRST SESSION**

**THIRTY-THIRD DAY**

Legislative Chamber, Lincoln, Nebraska  
Thursday, February 25, 2021

**PRAYER**

The prayer was offered by Senator Blood.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

The Pledge of Allegiance was offered by Senator J. Cavanaugh.

**ROLL CALL**

Pursuant to adjournment, the Legislature met at 9:00 a.m., Speaker Hilgers presiding.

The roll was called and all members were present except Senator Pansing Brooks who was excused; and Senators Briese, M. Cavanaugh, and B. Hansen who were excused until they arrive.

**CORRECTIONS FOR THE JOURNAL**

The Journal for the thirty-second day was approved.

**COMMITTEE REPORT(S)**  
Enrollment and Review

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 1.** Placed on Final Reading.

(Signed) Terrell McKinney, Chairperson

**COMMITTEE REPORT(S)**  
Agriculture

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 324.** Placed on General File with amendment.

**AM150**

1 1. Strike original section 10 and insert the following new section:  
2 Sec. 10. (1) The acquisition of meat from livestock by an informed  
3 end consumer shall not constitute the sale of meat products in

4 contravention of the Nebraska Meat and Poultry Inspection Law and shall  
5 not be prohibited if all of the following conditions are met:  
6 (a) The meat is made available pursuant to an animal share and is:  
7 (i) Received by or on behalf of an owner of an animal share; and  
8 (ii) Obtained from the particular livestock subject to the animal  
9 share;  
10 (b) Ownership of the particular livestock is established by contract  
11 prior to slaughter;  
12 (c) The name and address of each individual with an ownership  
13 interest in the particular livestock is presented to the processor prior  
14 to slaughter; and  
15 (d) Information describing the standards used by the farm or ranch  
16 with respect to livestock health and in the processing of meat from the  
17 livestock is provided to the informed end consumer by the farmer or  
18 rancher.  
19 (2) A farmer or rancher that sells an animal share shall:  
20 (a) Be a resident of the State of Nebraska; and  
21 (b) Maintain a record of each animal share sold under this section.  
22 (3) No person who obtains meat in accordance with this section shall  
23 sell, donate, or commercially redistribute the meat in any way. No farmer  
24 or rancher shall publish any statement that implies the department's  
25 approval or endorsement of meat made available pursuant to an animal  
26 share. The requirement for a license under section 54-1904 or for  
27 inspection under the Nebraska Meat and Poultry Inspection Law shall not  
1 apply to the sale of meat products pursuant to this section.  
2 2. On page 23, line 25, after "program" insert "contingent on funds  
3 being made available for such purpose".

(Signed) Steve Halloran, Chairperson

**NOTICE OF COMMITTEE HEARING(S)**  
Health and Human Services  
Room 1510

Tuesday, March 9, 2021 12:30 p.m.  
YRTC Five-Year Plan Briefing

(Signed) John Arch, Chairperson

**RESOLUTION(S)**

**LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 49.** Introduced by Wayne, 13.

WHEREAS, Nebraskans receive natural gas service from a wide variety of utility providers; and

WHEREAS, the State of Nebraska and other states experienced extreme cold temperatures during February of 2021; and

WHEREAS, these temperatures caused greater natural gas needs throughout Nebraska and surrounding states; and

WHEREAS, some natural gas utilities in Nebraska serve customers in multiple states across the region; and

WHEREAS, the greater demand for energy across the region caused natural gas shortages and increases in natural gas prices; and

WHEREAS, it is imperative that the Legislature understand the effect of the extreme cold temperatures during February of 2021 on natural gas service in Nebraska.

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

1. That the Legislature recognizes the need for an understanding of the reasons for and circumstances surrounding the natural gas shortages.

2. That the Urban Affairs Committee of the Legislature provide a report of its findings of the reasons for and circumstances surrounding the natural gas shortages.

Laid over.

#### **SPEAKER'S ANNOUNCEMENT**

Pursuant to Rule 4, Section 8, LR49 was referred to the Reference Committee.

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

Pursuant to Rule 4, Sec. 5(b), LRs 42, 43, 44, 45, 46, and 47 were adopted.

#### **SPEAKER SIGNED**

While the Legislature was in session and capable of transacting business, the Speaker signed the following: LRs 42, 43, 44, 45, 46, and 47.

#### **SENATOR HUGHES PRESIDING**

#### **SELECT FILE**

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 288.** Considered.

Pending.

#### **COMMITTEE REPORT(S)**

Transportation and Telecommunications

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 126.** Indefinitely postponed.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 239.** Indefinitely postponed.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 240.** Indefinitely postponed.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 448.** Indefinitely postponed.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 574.** Indefinitely postponed.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 656.** Indefinitely postponed.

(Signed) Curt Friesen, Chairperson

## Revenue

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 387.** Placed on General File with amendment.

[AM291](#)

1 1. On page 9, line 23, after the period insert "The term includes  
 2 retirement benefits described in this subdivision that are reported to  
 3 the individual on either:  
 4 (i) An Internal Revenue Service Form 1099-R received from the United  
 5 States Department of Defense; or  
 6 (ii) An Internal Revenue Service Form 1099-R received from the  
 7 United States Office of Personnel Management.".

(Signed) Lou Ann Linehan, Chairperson

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

Senator Hunt filed the following amendment to [LB517](#):

[AM333](#)

1 1. Strike original section 26 and insert the following new section:  
 2 Sec. 26. Section 71-604.01, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is  
 3 amended to read:  
 4 71-604.01 Upon receipt of (1) a notarized affidavit from a licensed  
 5 the physician, surgeon, or mental health professional stating that  
 6 performed sex reassignment surgery on an individual born in this state  
 7 wishes to change such individual's sex designation and (2) if a name  
 8 change is desired on the new certificate, a certified copy of an order of  
 9 a court of competent jurisdiction changing the name of such individual  
 10 person, the department shall prepare a new certificate of birth in the  
 11 new sex and name, as applicable, and sex of such individual person in  
 12 substantially the same form as that used for other live births. The  
 13 evidence from which the new certificate of birth is prepared and the  
 14 original certificate of birth shall be available for inspection only upon  
 15 the order of a court of competent jurisdiction.

Senator Wayne filed the following amendment to [LB489](#):

[AM337](#)

1 1. Strike the original sections and insert the following new  
 2 section:  
 3 Section 1. No state official or state employee of any state agency,  
 4 except an employee of the Legislative Council, shall testify at a public  
 5 hearing before the Legislature on any issue in any capacity other than  
 6 neutral unless such official or employee is on unpaid leave from state  
 7 employment for the duration of such public hearing.

Senator Wayne filed the following amendment to [LB163](#):

[AM334](#)

1 1. On page 29, line 3; and page 71, line 11, strike "therefrom",  
 2 show as stricken, and insert "from such bonds".  
 3 2. On page 31, line 21, strike "call", show as stricken, and insert  
 4 "provide".  
 5 3. On page 33, line 31, strike "and amendments thereof", show as  
 6 stricken, and insert "as such sections existed on January 1, 2021".  
 7 4. On page 37, line 13, after the second comma insert "and", and in  
 8 line 15 strike "and (5) asking", show as stricken, and insert "and  
 9 ask".  
 10 5. On page 42, line 27, strike "let", show as stricken, and insert

11 "awarded".  
 12 6. On page 58, reinstate the stricken matter beginning with the  
 13 second "and" in line 17 through "Agency" in line 18.  
 14 7. On page 59, line 20, strike "after April 29, 1967," and show as  
 15 stricken.  
 16 8. On page 62, lines 27 and 28, strike "husband and wife", show as  
 17 stricken, and insert "spouses".  
 18 9. On page 69, line 15, strike "thereof", show as stricken, and  
 19 insert "of such bonds".  
 20 10. On page 70, line 26, strike "shall mean and include, but not  
 21 be", show as stricken, and insert "means and includes, but is not".  
 22 11. On page 77, line 15, strike "the same", show as stricken, and  
 23 insert "such lots and parcels".  
 24 12. On page 83, line 30, strike "same", show as stricken, and insert  
 25 "community antenna television service".  
 26 13. On page 91, line 18, strike "any of the provisions of" and show  
 27 as stricken; in line 19 strike "of" and show as stricken; and in line 23  
 1 strike the underscored comma.

Senator Linehan filed the following amendment to LB323:

AM248

1 1. On page 15, lines 16 and 20, after "or" insert ", for  
 2 calculations based on school fiscal year 2019-20,".

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

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

Senator Pahls name added to LB26.  
 Senator Pahls name added to LB40.  
 Senator Pahls name added to LB178.  
 Senator Hansen, B. name added to LB236.  
 Senator McCollister name added to LB247.  
 Senator Vargas name added to LB485.  
 Senator Wayne name added to LB489.  
 Senator McCollister name added to LB605.  
 Senator Slama name added to LB661.

**VISITOR(S)**

The Doctor of the Day was Dr. Steven M. Williams of Omaha.

**ADJOURNMENT**

At 9:29 a.m., on a motion by Senator Kolterman, the Legislature adjourned until 9:00 a.m., Friday, February 26, 2021.

Patrick J. O'Donnell  
 Clerk of the Legislature

