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LEGISLATIVE JOURNAL

**ONE HUNDRED NINTH LEGISLATURE
FIRST SESSION**

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Legislative Chamber, Lincoln, Nebraska
Thursday, March 6, 2025

PRAYER

The prayer was offered by Reverend Richard Snow, Nebraska District of the Lutheran Church - Missouri Synod, Seward.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was offered by Senator Clements.

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 Senator McKinney who was excused; and Senators Bostar, J. Cavanaugh, M. Cavanaugh, Dungan, Guereca, Hunt, Juarez, and Raybould who were excused until they arrive.

CORRECTIONS FOR THE JOURNAL

The Journal for the thirty-eighth day was approved.

NOTICE OF COMMITTEE HEARING(S)

Health and Human Services
Room 1510 1:30 PM

Thursday, March 20, 2025

Cherlyn Hunt - Nebraska Rural Health Advisory Commission (cancel)

(Signed) Brian Hardin, Chairperson

BILL ON FIRST READING

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

LEGISLATIVE BILL 293A. Introduced by Ballard, 21.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to appropriations; to appropriate funds to aid in carrying out the provisions of Legislative Bill 293, One Hundred Ninth Legislature, First Session, 2025.

ANNOUNCEMENT(S)

Priority designation(s) received:

Lippincott - LB3
Nebraska Retirement Systems - LB295

REPORTS

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

REPORT OF REGISTERED LOBBYISTS

Following is a list of all lobbyists who have registered as of March 5, 2025, in accordance with Section 49-1481, Revised Statutes of Nebraska. Additional lobbyists who have registered will be filed weekly.

(Signed) Brandon Metzler
Clerk of the Legislature

Edwards Westerhold Moore
Vapor Technology Association
Gutierrez, Carlos I.
Consumer Healthcare Products Association
Kurtenbach, James M
American Free Enterprise Chamber of Commerce
Levy, David C.
Baird Holm LLP
Lindsay Harr MacDonald
Cheer Athletics Omaha
Reid, Willis
Consumer Healthcare Products Association
Richters, Rebecca S.
ACLU Nebraska (Withdrawn 03/02/2025)
Silke, Vanessa
Baird Holm LLP
Synhorst, Robert
Pharmaceutical Research and Manufacturers of America
Wilkinson, Stuart
SidePrize LLC d/b/a PrizePicks
Winchell, Andrew

Betr Holdings, Inc.
Zetzsche, Hannes
Baird Holm LLP

GENERAL FILE

LEGISLATIVE BILL 504A. Title read. Considered.

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

COMMITTEE REPORT(S) Nebraska Retirement Systems

LEGISLATIVE BILL 420. Placed on General File with amendment.

AM386

1 1. Strike the original sections and insert the following new
2 sections:
3 Section 1. Section 24-703, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement,
4 2024, is amended to read:
5 24-703 (1) Each original member shall contribute monthly four
6 percent of his or her monthly compensation to the fund until the maximum
7 benefit as limited in subsection (1) of section 24-710 has been earned.
8 It shall be the duty of the Director of Administrative Services in
9 accordance with subsection (7) of this section to make a deduction of
10 four percent on the monthly payroll of each original member who is a
11 judge of the Supreme Court, a judge of the Court of Appeals, a judge of
12 the district court, a judge of a separate juvenile court, a judge of the
13 county court, a clerk magistrate of the county court who was an associate
14 county judge and a member of the fund at the time of his or her
15 appointment as a clerk magistrate, or a judge of the Nebraska Workers'
16 Compensation Court showing the amount to be deducted and its credit to
17 the fund. The Director of Administrative Services and the State Treasurer
18 shall credit the four percent as shown on the payroll and the amounts
19 received from the various counties to the fund and remit the same to the
20 director in charge of the judges retirement system who shall keep an
21 accurate record of the contributions of each judge.
22 (2)(a) In addition to the contribution required under subdivision
23 (c) of this subsection, beginning on July 1, 2004, each future member who
24 became a member prior to July 1, 2015, and who has not elected to make
25 contributions and receive benefits as provided in section 24-703.03 shall
26 contribute monthly six percent of his or her monthly compensation to the
27 fund until the maximum benefit as limited in subsection (2) of section
1 24-710 has been earned. After the maximum benefit as limited in
2 subsection (2) of section 24-710 has been earned, such future member
3 shall make no further contributions to the fund, except that (i) any time
4 the maximum benefit is changed, a future member who has previously earned
5 the maximum benefit as it existed prior to the change shall contribute
6 monthly six percent of his or her monthly compensation to the fund until
7 the maximum benefit as changed and as limited in subsection (2) of
8 section 24-710 has been earned and (ii) such future member shall continue
9 to make the contribution required under subdivision (c) of this
10 subsection.
11 (b) In addition to the contribution required under subdivision (c)
12 of this subsection, beginning on July 1, 2004, a judge who became a
13 member prior to July 1, 2015, and who first serves as a judge on or after
14 July 1, 2004, or a future member who became a member prior to July 1,

15 2015, and who elects to make contributions and receive benefits as
16 provided in section 24-703.03 shall contribute monthly eight percent of
17 his or her monthly compensation to the fund until the maximum benefit as
18 limited by subsection (2) of section 24-710 has been earned. In addition
19 to the contribution required under subdivision (c) of this subsection,
20 after the maximum benefit as limited in subsection (2) of section 24-710
21 has been earned, such judge or future member shall contribute monthly
22 four percent of his or her monthly compensation to the fund for the
23 remainder of his or her active service.

24 (c) Beginning on July 1, 2009, a member or judge described in
25 subdivisions (a) and (b) of this subsection shall contribute monthly an
26 additional one percent of his or her monthly compensation to the fund.

27 (d) Beginning on July 1, 2015, a judge who first serves as a judge
28 on or after such date shall contribute monthly ten percent of his or her
29 monthly compensation to the fund.

30 (e) It shall be the duty of the Director of Administrative Services
31 to make a deduction on the monthly payroll of each such future member who
1 is a judge of the Supreme Court, a judge of the Court of Appeals, a judge
2 of the district court, a judge of a separate juvenile court, a judge of
3 the county court, a clerk magistrate of the county court who was an
4 associate county judge and a member of the fund at the time of his or her
5 appointment as a clerk magistrate, or a judge of the Nebraska Workers'
6 Compensation Court showing the amount to be deducted and its credit to
7 the fund. This shall be done each month. The Director of Administrative
8 Services and the State Treasurer shall credit the amount as shown on the
9 payroll and the amounts received from the various counties to the fund
10 and remit the same to the director in charge of the judges retirement
11 system who shall keep an accurate record of the contributions of each
12 judge.

13 (3)(a) Except as otherwise provided in this subsection, a Nebraska
14 Retirement Fund for Judges fee of six dollars through June 30, 2021,
15 eight dollars beginning July 1, 2021, through June 30, 2022, nine dollars
16 beginning July 1, 2022, through June 30, 2023, ten dollars beginning July
17 1, 2023, through June 30, 2024, eleven dollars beginning July 1, 2024,
18 through June 30, 2025, and twelve dollars beginning July 1, 2025, shall
19 be taxed as costs in each (i) civil cause of action, criminal cause of
20 action, traffic misdemeanor or infraction, and city or village ordinance
21 violation filed in the district courts, the county courts, and the
22 separate juvenile courts, (ii) filing in the district court of an order,
23 award, or judgment of the Nebraska Workers' Compensation Court or any
24 judge thereof pursuant to section 48-188, (iii) appeal or other
25 proceeding filed in the Court of Appeals, and (iv) original action,
26 appeal, or other proceeding filed in the Supreme Court. In county courts
27 a sum shall be charged which is equal to ten percent of each fee provided
28 by sections 33-125, 33-126.02, 33-126.03, and 33-126.06, rounded to the
29 nearest even dollar. No judges retirement fee shall be charged for filing
30 a report pursuant to sections 33-126.02 and 33-126.06.

31 (b) The fee increases described in subdivision (a) of this
1 subsection shall not be taxed as a cost in any criminal cause of action,
2 traffic misdemeanor or infraction, or city or village ordinance violation
3 filed in the district court or the county court. The fee on such criminal
4 causes of action, traffic misdemeanors or infractions, or city or village
5 ordinance violations shall remain six dollars on and after July 1, 2021.

6 (c) When collected by the clerk of the district or county court,
7 such fees shall be remitted to the State Treasurer within ten days after
8 the close of each calendar month for credit to the Nebraska Retirement
9 Fund for Judges. In addition, information regarding collection of court
10 fees shall be submitted to the director in charge of the judges
11 retirement system by the State Court Administrator within ten days after
12 the close of each calendar month.

13 (d) The board may charge a late administrative processing fee not to
14 exceed twenty-five dollars if the information is not timely received or
15 the money is delinquent. In addition, the board may charge a late fee of
16 thirty-eight thousandths of one percent of the amount required to be
17 submitted pursuant to this section for each day such amount has not been
18 received. Such late fees shall be remitted to the director who shall
19 promptly thereafter remit such fees to the State Treasurer for credit to
20 the fund.

21 (e) No Nebraska Retirement Fund for Judges fee which is
22 uncollectible for any reason shall be waived by a county judge as
23 provided in section 29-2709.

24 (4) All expenditures from the fund shall be authorized by voucher in
25 the manner prescribed in section 24-713. The fund shall be used for the
26 payment of all annuities and other benefits to members and their
27 beneficiaries and for the expenses of administration.

28 (5)(a) Prior to July 1, 2021:

29 (i) Beginning July 1, 2013, and each fiscal year thereafter, the
30 board shall cause an annual actuarial valuation to be performed that will
31 value the plan assets for the year and ascertain the contributions
1 required for such fiscal year. The actuary for the board shall perform an
2 actuarial valuation of the system on the basis of actuarial assumptions
3 recommended by the actuary, approved by the board, and kept on file with
4 the board using the entry age actuarial cost method. Under this method,
5 the actuarially required funding rate is equal to the normal cost rate,
6 plus the contribution rate necessary to amortize the unfunded actuarial
7 accrued liability on a level percentage of salary basis. The normal cost
8 under this method shall be determined for each individual member on a
9 level percentage of salary basis. The normal cost amount is then summed
10 for all members;

11 (ii) Beginning July 1, 2006, any existing unfunded liabilities shall
12 be reinitialized and amortized over a thirty-year period, and during each
13 subsequent actuarial valuation through June 30, 2021, changes in the
14 unfunded actuarial accrued liability due to changes in benefits,
15 actuarial assumptions, the asset valuation method, or actuarial gains or
16 losses shall be measured and amortized over a thirty-year period
17 beginning on the valuation date of such change;

18 (iii) If the unfunded actuarial accrued liability under the entry
19 age actuarial cost method is zero or less than zero on an actuarial
20 valuation date, then all prior unfunded actuarial accrued liabilities
21 shall be considered fully funded and the unfunded actuarial accrued
22 liability shall be reinitialized and amortized over a thirty-year period
23 as of the actuarial valuation date; and

24 (iv) If the actuarially required contribution rate exceeds the rate
25 of all contributions required pursuant to the Judges Retirement Act,
26 there shall be a supplemental appropriation sufficient to pay for the
27 differences between the actuarially required contribution rate and the
28 rate of all contributions required pursuant to the Judges Retirement Act.

29 (b) Beginning July 1, 2021, and each fiscal year thereafter:

30 (i) The board shall cause an annual actuarial valuation to be
31 performed that will value the plan assets for the year and ascertain the
1 contributions required for such fiscal year. The actuary for the board
2 shall perform an actuarial valuation of the system on the basis of
3 actuarial assumptions recommended by the actuary, approved by the board,
4 and kept on file with the board using the entry age actuarial cost
5 method. Under such method, the actuarially required funding rate is equal
6 to the normal cost rate, plus the contribution rate necessary to amortize
7 the unfunded actuarial accrued liability on a level percentage of salary
8 basis. The normal cost under such method shall be determined for each
9 individual member on a level percentage of salary basis. The normal cost
10 amount is then summed for all members;

11 (ii) Any changes in the unfunded actuarial accrued liability due to
12 changes in benefits, actuarial assumptions, the asset valuation method,
13 or actuarial gains or losses shall be measured and amortized over a
14 twenty-five-year period beginning on the valuation date of such change;

15 (iii) If the unfunded actuarial accrued liability under the entry
16 age actuarial cost method is zero or less than zero on an actuarial
17 valuation date, then all prior unfunded actuarial accrued liabilities
18 shall be considered fully funded and the unfunded actuarial accrued
19 liability shall be reinitialized and amortized over a twenty-five-year
20 period as of the actuarial valuation date; and

21 (iv) If the actuarially required contribution rate exceeds the rate
22 of all contributions required pursuant to the Judges Retirement Act,
23 there shall be a supplemental appropriation sufficient to pay for the
24 differences between the actuarially required contribution rate and the
25 rate of all contributions required pursuant to the act.

26 (c) Upon the recommendation of the actuary to the board, and after
27 the board notifies the Nebraska Retirement Systems Committee of the
28 Legislature, the board may combine or offset certain amortization bases
29 to reduce future volatility of the actuarial contribution rate. Such
30 notification to the committee shall be in writing and include, at a
31 minimum, the actuary's projection of the contributions to fund the plan
1 if the combination or offset were not implemented, the actuary's
2 projection of the contributions to fund the plan if the combination or
3 offset were implemented, and the actuary's explanation of why the
4 combination or offset is in the best interests of the plan at the
5 proposed time.

6 (d) For purposes of this subsection, the rate of all contributions
7 required pursuant to the Judges Retirement Act includes (i) member
8 contributions, (ii) state contributions pursuant to subsection (6) of
9 this section which shall be considered as a contribution for the plan
10 year ending the prior June 30, (iii) court fees as provided in subsection
11 (3) of this section, and (iv) all fees pursuant to sections 25-2804,
12 33-103, 33-103.01, 33-106.02, 33-123, 33-124, 33-125, 33-126.02,
13 33-126.03, and 33-126.06, as directed to be remitted to the fund.

14 (6)(a) In addition to the contributions otherwise required by this
15 section, beginning July 1, 2023, and on July 1 of each year thereafter,
16 ~~the state shall contribute or as soon thereafter as administratively~~
17 ~~possible, the State Treasurer shall transfer~~ from the General Fund to the
18 Nebraska Retirement Fund for Judges an amount equal to five percent of
19 the total annual compensation of all members of the retirement system
20 except as otherwise provided in this subsection and as such rate shall be
21 adjusted or terminated by the Legislature. No adjustment may cause the
22 total contribution rate established in this subsection to exceed five
23 percent. For purposes of this subsection, (i) total annual compensation
24 is based on the total member compensation reported in the most recent
25 annual actuarial valuation report for the retirement system produced for
26 the board pursuant to section 84-1503 and (ii) the contribution described
27 in this subsection shall be considered as a contribution for the plan
28 year ending the prior June 30.

29 (b) If the funded ratio on the actuarial value of assets is at or
30 above one hundred percent for two consecutive years as reported in the
31 annual actuarial valuation report, the actuary shall assess whether the
1 percentage of the state contribution rate should be adjusted based on
2 projected annual actuarial valuation report results including the funded
3 ratio, actuarial contribution, and expected revenue sources using several
4 assumed investment return scenarios that the actuary deems to be
5 reasonable, and shall make a recommendation to the board as part of the
6 annual actuarial valuation report.

7 (c) If the state contribution rate has been adjusted to less than
8 five percent and the funded ratio on the actuarial value of assets is

9 below one hundred percent for two consecutive years as reported in the
 10 annual actuarial valuation report, the actuary shall assess whether the
 11 percentage of the state contribution rate should be adjusted based on
 12 projected annual actuarial valuation report results including the funded
 13 ratio, actuarial contribution, and expected revenue sources using several
 14 assumed investment return scenarios that the actuary deems to be
 15 reasonable, and shall make a recommendation to the board as part of the
 16 annual actuarial valuation report.

17 (d) If an annual actuarial valuation report includes a
 18 recommendation from the actuary to adjust the contribution rate as
 19 described in subdivision (b) or (c) of this subsection, the board shall
 20 provide written notice electronically to the Nebraska Retirement Systems
 21 Committee of the Legislature, to the Governor, and to the Supreme Court
 22 of such recommendation within seven business days after voting to approve
 23 an annual actuarial valuation report. The notice shall include the
 24 actuary's recommendation and analysis regarding such adjustment.

25 (e) Following receipt of the actuary's recommendation and analysis
 26 pursuant to this subsection, the Nebraska Retirement Systems Committee of
 27 the Legislature shall determine the amount of any adjustment of the
 28 contribution rate and, if necessary, shall propose any such adjustment to
 29 the Legislature.

30 (7) The state or county shall pick up the member contributions
 31 required by this section for all compensation paid on or after January 1,
 1 1985, and the contributions so picked up shall be treated as employer
 2 contributions pursuant to section 414(h)(2) of the Internal Revenue Code
 3 in determining federal tax treatment under the code and shall not be
 4 included as gross income of the member until such time as they are
 5 distributed or made available. The contributions, although designated as
 6 member contributions, shall be paid by the state or county in lieu of
 7 member contributions. The state or county shall pay these member
 8 contributions from the same source of funds which is used in paying
 9 earnings to the member. The state or county shall pick up these
 10 contributions by a compensation deduction through a reduction in the
 11 compensation of the member. Member contributions picked up shall be
 12 treated for all purposes of the Judges Retirement Act in the same manner
 13 and to the extent as member contributions made prior to the date picked
 14 up.

15 Sec. 2. Original section 24-703, Revised Statutes Cumulative
 16 Supplement, 2024, is repealed.

17 Sec. 3. Since an emergency exists, this act takes effect when
 18 passed and approved according to law.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 461. Placed on General File with amendment.

AM426

1 1. Insert the following new section:

2 Sec. 3. This act becomes operative on October 1, 2025.

3 2. On page 2, strike beginning with "annual" in line 18 through

4 "value" in line 19, show the old matter as stricken, and insert

5 "permitting such firefighter, upon retirement, to receive a payment of
 6 his or her retirement value in the form of a single lump-sum payment or
 7 in the form of one or more partial payments of such retirement value in
 8 an amount and frequency elected by the firefighter".

(Signed) Beau Ballard, Chairperson

AMENDMENT(S) - Print in Journal

Senator Prokop filed the following amendment to LB349:

[AM412](#) is available in the Bill Room.

BILLS ON FINAL READING

The following bill was read and put upon final passage:

LEGISLATIVE BILL 10. With Emergency Clause.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to prescription drugs; to amend section 71-7455, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; to change a records requirement for wholesale drug distributors; to provide for dispensing of prescription drugs through the prescription drug donation program in a state of emergency; to repeal the original section; 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	Spivey
Arch	Conrad	Holdcroft	Moser	Storer
Armendariz	DeBoer	Hughes	Murman	Storm
Ballard	DeKay	Ibach	Prokop	Strommen
Bosn	Dorn	Jacobson	Quick	von Gillern
Bostar	Dover	Juarez	Raybould	Wordekemper
Brandt	Dungan	Kauth	Riepe	
Cavanaugh, J.	Fredrickson	Lippincott	Rountree	
Cavanaugh, M.	Hallstrom	Lonowski	Sanders	
Clements	Hansen	McKeon	Sorrentino	

Voting in the negative, 0.

Excused and not voting, 3:

Guereca Hunt McKinney

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 LB21 with 43 ayes, 1 nay, 2 present and not voting, and 3 excused and not voting.

The following bill was put upon final passage:

LEGISLATIVE BILL 21.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to real property; to adopt the Uniform Unlawful Restrictions in Land Records Act.

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, 47:

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

Voting in the negative, 0.

Excused and not voting, 2:

Hunt McKinney

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

The following bills were read and put upon final passage:

LEGISLATIVE BILL 42.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to public health and welfare; to amend sections 71-6038 and 71-6039, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; to provide for employment of nurse aides in intellectual and developmental disability facilities; 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, 47:

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

Voting in the negative, 0.

Excused and not voting, 2:

Hunt McKinney

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

LEGISLATIVE BILL 59.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to natural resources districts; to amend section 2-3224, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; to provide for the disbursement of funds of a district by electronic payment systems; and to repeal the original section.

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, 47:

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

Voting in the negative, 0.

Excused and not voting, 2:

Hunt McKinney

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

LEGISLATIVE BILL 98. With Emergency Clause.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to motor vehicles; to amend sections 60-103, 60-135.01, 60-305, 60-358.01, and 60-6,355, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; to redefine the definitions of all-terrain vehicle and utility-type vehicle in the Motor Vehicle Certificate of Title Act, the Motor Vehicle Registration Act, and the Nebraska Rules of the Road; 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	McKeon	Sorrentino
Arch	Conrad	Hardin	Meyer	Spivey
Armendariz	DeBoer	Holdcroft	Moser	Storer
Ballard	DeKay	Hughes	Murman	Storm
Bosn	Dorn	Ibach	Prokop	Strommen
Bostar	Dover	Jacobson	Quick	von Gillern
Brandt	Dungan	Juarez	Raybould	Wordekemper
Cavanaugh, J.	Fredrickson	Kauth	Riepe	
Cavanaugh, M.	Guereca	Lippincott	Rountree	
Clements	Hallstrom	Lonowski	Sanders	

Voting in the negative, 0.

Excused and not voting, 2:

Hunt McKinney

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

LEGISLATIVE BILL 118.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to the Pharmacy Practice Act; to amend section 38-2866.01, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024; to change provisions relating to supervision of pharmacy technicians and pharmacist interns; and to repeal the original section.

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, 47:

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

Voting in the negative, 0.

Excused and not voting, 2:

Hunt McKinney

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 LB139 with 45 ayes, 1 nay, 1 present and not voting, and 2 excused and not voting.

The following bill was put upon final passage:

LEGISLATIVE BILL 139.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to real property; to amend sections 76-2239, 76-3207, and 76-3216, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024; to change provisions relating to disciplinary actions against credential holders under the Real Property Appraiser Act and restrictions on ownership of appraisal management companies and violations by appraisal management companies under the Nebraska Appraisal Management Company Registration Act; 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	Lonowski	Sanders
Arch	Conrad	Hardin	McKeon	Sorrentino
Armendariz	DeBoer	Holdcroft	Meyer	Spivey
Ballard	DeKay	Hughes	Moser	Storer
Bosn	Dorn	Hunt	Murman	Storm
Bostar	Dover	Ibach	Prokop	Strommen
Brandt	Dungan	Jacobson	Quick	von Gillern
Cavanaugh, J.	Fredrickson	Juarez	Raybould	Wordekemper
Cavanaugh, M.	Guereca	Kauth	Riepe	
Clements	Hallstrom	Lippincott	Rountree	

Voting in the negative, 0.

Excused and not voting, 1:

McKinney

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

The following bills were read and put upon final passage:

LEGISLATIVE BILL 160.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to the practice of barbering; to amend section 71-216.01, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; to change requirements for applicants taking the barber examination; and to repeal the original section.

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

Voting in the negative, 0.

Excused and not voting, 1:

McKinney

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

LEGISLATIVE BILL 180.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to the Department of Natural Resources; to amend sections 73-101 and 73-813, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024; to change requirements relating to public lettings and biddings; to provide an exception for certain contracts under the State Procurement Act; 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	Lonowski	Sanders
Arch	Conrad	Hardin	McKeon	Sorrentino
Armendariz	DeBoer	Holdcroft	Meyer	Spivey
Ballard	DeKay	Hughes	Moser	Storer
Bosn	Dorn	Hunt	Murman	Storm
Bostar	Dover	Ibach	Prokop	Strommen
Brandt	Dungan	Jacobson	Quick	von Gillern
Cavanaugh, J.	Fredrickson	Juarez	Raybould	Wordekemper
Cavanaugh, M.	Guereca	Kauth	Riepe	
Clements	Hallstrom	Lippincott	Rountree	

Voting in the negative, 0.

Excused and not voting, 1:

McKinney

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 LB187 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 187. With Emergency Clause.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to real property; to amend sections 76-2422, 81-885.02, 81-885.13, and 81-885.24, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; to change provisions relating to written agency agreements for brokerage services and restricted acts, issuance of licenses, and unfair trade practices under the Nebraska Real Estate License Act; 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	Lonowski	Sanders
Arch	Conrad	Hardin	McKeon	Sorrentino
Armendariz	DeBoer	Holdcroft	Meyer	Spivey
Ballard	DeKay	Hughes	Moser	Storer
Bosn	Dorn	Hunt	Murman	Storm
Bostar	Dover	Ibach	Prokop	Strommen
Brandt	Dungan	Jacobson	Quick	von Gillern
Cavanaugh, J.	Fredrickson	Juarez	Raybould	Wordekemper
Cavanaugh, M.	Guereca	Kauth	Riepe	
Clements	Hallstrom	Lippincott	Rountree	

Voting in the negative, 0.

Excused and not voting, 1:

McKinney

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 bills were read and put upon final passage:

LEGISLATIVE BILL 196.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to motor vehicles; to amend section 60-6,356, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; to authorize the operation of all-terrain vehicles and utility-type vehicles between the hours of sunset and sunrise if used for snow removal as prescribed; to harmonize provisions; and to repeal the original section.

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

Voting in the negative, 0.

Excused and not voting, 1:

McKinney

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

LEGISLATIVE BILL 197.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to the Employment Security Law; to amend sections 48-628.09, 48-630, and 48-631, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; to change provisions relating to a disqualification for benefits due to a labor dispute, claim determinations, and claim redeterminations; 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, 47:

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

Voting in the negative, 1:

Guereca*

Excused and not voting, 1:

McKinney

* 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 LB231 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 231.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to banking and finance; to adopt the Uniform Special Deposits Act.

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

Voting in the negative, 0.

Excused and not voting, 1:

McKinney

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

The following bills were read and put upon final passage:

LEGISLATIVE BILL 240. With Emergency Clause.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to the Community Development Law; to amend section 18-2147, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024; to change notice provisions relating to the division of taxes; to repeal the original section; 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	Lonowski	Sanders
Arch	Conrad	Hardin	McKeon	Sorrentino
Armendariz	DeBoer	Holdcroft	Meyer	Spivey
Ballard	DeKay	Hughes	Moser	Storer
Bosn	Dorn	Hunt	Murman	Storm
Bostar	Dover	Ibach	Prokop	Strommen
Brandt	Dungan	Jacobson	Quick	von Gillern
Cavanaugh, J.	Fredrickson	Juarez	Raybould	Wordekemper
Cavanaugh, M.	Guereca	Kauth	Riepe	
Clements	Hallstrom	Lippincott	Rountree	

Voting in the negative, 0.

Excused and not voting, 1:

McKinney

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

LEGISLATIVE BILL 250.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to banking; to amend section 8-126, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; to change provisions relating to qualifications of the board of directors of a bank; and to repeal the original section.

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, 47:

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

Voting in the negative, 1:

Lonowski*

Excused and not voting, 1:

McKinney

* 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 LB251 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 251. With Emergency Clause.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to banking and finance; to amend sections 8-113, 8-157, 8-226, 8-305, 8-1506, 21-1725.01, 21-1728, 44-708, 45-101.04, 45-190, 45-724, 59-1715, and 76-710.02, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, sections 8-135, 8-141, 8-143.01, 8-157.01, 8-183.04, 8-1,140, 8-318, 8-355, 8-1101, 8-1101.01, 8-1704, 8-1707, 8-2724, 8-2903, 8-3005, 8-3007, 21-17,102, 21-17,115, 59-1722, 69-2103, 69-2104, and 69-2112, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024, and section 4A-108, Uniform Commercial Code, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024; to adopt updates to federal law; to change provisions related to the use of certain words, loan limits, branch banking, securities, failing financial institutions, credit union branches, surety bonds, and interest rates for damages payable to irrigation districts; to define, redefine,

and eliminate terms; to harmonize provisions; 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	Conrad	Hardin	McKeon	Sorrentino
Arch	DeBoer	Holdcroft	Meyer	Spivey
Armendariz	DeKay	Hughes	Moser	Storer
Ballard	Dorn	Hunt	Murman	Storm
Bosn	Dover	Ibach	Prokop	Strommen
Bostar	Dungan	Jacobson	Quick	von Gillern
Brandt	Fredrickson	Juarez	Raybould	Wordekemper
Cavanaugh, J.	Guereca	Kauth	Riepe	
Clements	Hallstrom	Lippincott	Rountree	
Clouse	Hansen	Lonowski	Sanders	

Voting in the negative, 1:

Cavanaugh, M.*

Excused and not voting, 1:

McKinney

* 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 LB296 with 46 ayes, 0 nays, 2 present and not voting, and 1 excused and not voting.

The following bill was put upon final passage:

LEGISLATIVE BILL 296.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to education; to amend sections 79-303.01, 79-729, and 79-1054, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; to require the State Department of Education to create a centralized education records system for students under the jurisdiction of the juvenile court and employ registrars as prescribed; to provide powers and duties to the Commissioner

of Education related to issuing high school diplomas to students under the jurisdiction of the juvenile court as prescribed; to change provisions related to graduation requirements; to change provisions relating to the improvement grant program established by the State Board of Education and the authorized uses of the State Department of Education Improvement Grant Fund; 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	Lonowski	Sanders
Arch	Conrad	Hardin	McKeon	Sorrentino
Armendariz	DeBoer	Holdcroft	Meyer	Spivey
Ballard	DeKay	Hughes	Moser	Storer
Bosn	Dorn	Hunt	Murman	Storm
Bostar	Dover	Ibach	Prokop	Strommen
Brandt	Dungan	Jacobson	Quick	von Gillern
Cavanaugh, J.	Fredrickson	Juarez	Raybould	Wordekemper
Cavanaugh, M.	Guereca	Kauth	Riepe	
Clements	Hallstrom	Lippincott	Rountree	

Voting in the negative, 0.

Excused and not voting, 1:

McKinney

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

The following bills were read and put upon final passage:

LEGISLATIVE BILL 296A.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to appropriations; to appropriate funds to aid in carrying out the provisions of Legislative Bill 296, One Hundred Ninth Legislature, First Session, 2025.

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

Voting in the negative, 0.

Excused and not voting, 1:

McKinney

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

LEGISLATIVE BILL 335.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to the In the Line of Duty Dependent Education Act; to amend section 85-2303, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; to redefine a term; and to repeal the original section.

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

Voting in the negative, 0.

Excused and not voting, 1:

McKinney

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 LB357 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 357.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to the State Racing and Gaming Commission; to amend sections 2-1203, 2-1203.01, 2-1203.02, 2-1204, 2-1223, 2-1225, 2-1244, 2-1245, 9-1101, 9-1108, 9-1203, 9-1205, 9-1206, 9-1207, 9-1208, 9-1209, and 25-21,252, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, and sections 2-1201, 2-1202, 2-1205, 9-1103, 9-1106, and 9-1107, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024; to provide, change, and eliminate definitions; to change provisions relating to the powers and duties of the State Racing and Gaming Commission and licenses issued by the commission; to require licensure of a racetrack enclosure as prescribed; to change provisions relating to the Nebraska Racetrack Gaming Act; to rename and change provisions relating to the Racing and Gaming Commission's Racetrack Gaming Fund; to transfer funds; to eliminate the Racing and Gaming Commission's Racing Cash Fund; to harmonize provisions; to repeal the original sections; and to outright repeal sections 2-1222 and 9-1202, 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, 48:

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

Voting in the negative, 0.

Excused and not voting, 1:

McKinney

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 LB362 with 47 ayes, 0 nays, 1 present and not voting, and 1 excused and not voting.

The following bill was put upon final passage:

LEGISLATIVE BILL 362.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to 911 services; to amend sections 75-132.01, 86-124, 86-125, 86-163, 86-313, 86-429, 86-429.01, 86-432, 86-433, 86-435, 86-436, 86-437, 86-438, 86-439, 86-440, 86-440.01, 86-441, 86-441.01, 86-449.01, 86-456, 86-456.01, 86-457, 86-458, 86-459, 86-460, 86-466, 86-467, 86-468, 86-470, 86-472, 86-802, 86-903, 86-905, 86-1001, 86-1002, 86-1003, 86-1004, 86-1006, 86-1006.01, 86-1007, 86-1011, 86-1012, 86-1013, 86-1014, 86-1015, 86-1017, 86-1018, 86-1019, 86-1020, 86-1021, 86-1022, 86-1023, 86-1024, 86-1024.01, 86-1025, 86-1025.01, 86-1026, 86-1028, 86-1029, 86-1029.01, 86-1029.02, 86-1029.03, 86-1029.04, and 86-1031, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, and sections 75-109.01, 75-126, 75-156, and 77-2703.04, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024; to define, redefine, and eliminate terms; to transfer and eliminate provisions of the Emergency Telephone Communications Systems Act and the Enhanced Wireless 911 Services Act; to change provisions of the 911 Service System Act; to change provisions relating to powers and duties of the Public Service Commission, the 911 Service System Advisory Committee, the 911 Service System Fund, 911 service surcharges, duties and compensation of wireless carriers, public safety answering points, and county implementation of next-generation 911 service; to eliminate the Enhanced Wireless 911 Advisory Board; to harmonize provisions; to repeal the original sections; and to outright repeal sections 86-420, 86-421, 86-422, 86-423, 86-424, 86-425, 86-426, 86-428, 86-430, 86-431, 86-434, 86-442, 86-443, 86-444, 86-445, 86-446, 86-447, 86-448, 86-449, 86-450, 86-450.01, 86-450.03, 86-451, 86-452, 86-453, 86-454, 86-455, 86-461, 86-462, 86-464, 86-465, 86-466.01, 86-469, 86-1005, 86-1008, 86-1009, 86-1010, 86-1016, and 86-1027, 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, 48:

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

Voting in the negative, 0.

Excused and not voting, 1:

McKinney

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 LB609 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 609.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to financial transactions; to amend section 29-817, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; to adopt the Controllable Electronic Record Fraud Prevention Act; to require notice of potential fraud for purchasers of gift certificates and gift cards; to change provisions relating to search warrants; to provide severability; and to repeal the original section.

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

Voting in the negative, 0.

Excused and not voting, 1:

McKinney

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

The following bill was read and put upon final passage:

LEGISLATIVE BILL 609A.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to appropriations; to appropriate funds to aid in carrying out the provisions of Legislative Bill 609, One Hundred Ninth Legislature, First Session, 2025.

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

Voting in the negative, 0.

Excused and not voting, 1:

McKinney

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

WITHDRAW - Amendment to LB229

Senator Hallstrom withdrew [AM303](#), found on page 523.

MOTION(S) - Return LB229 to Select File

Senator Conrad moved to return LB229 to Select File for the following specific amendment:

[FA28](#)

Strike the enacting clause

Pending.

RESOLUTION(S)

Pursuant to Rule 4, Sec. 5(b), LRs 54, 56, and 57 were adopted.

PRESIDENT SIGNED

While the Legislature was in session and capable of transacting business, the President signed the following: LRs 54, 56, and 57.

While the Legislature was in session and capable of transacting business, the President signed the following: LBs 10e, 21, 42, 59, 98e, 118, 139, 160, 180, 187e, 196, 197, 231, 240e, 250, 251e, 296, 296A, 335, 357, 362, 609, and 609A.

MOTION(S) - Return LB229 to Select File

Senator Conrad renewed her motion, found and considered in this day's Journal, to return LB229 to Select File for her specific amendment, [FA28](#), found in this day's Journal.

Pending.

PRESENTED TO THE GOVERNOR

Presented to the Governor on March 6, 2025, at 11:09 a.m. were the following: LBs 10e, 21, 42, 59, 98e, 118, 139, 160, 180, 187e, 196, 197, 231, 240e, 250, 251e, 296, 296A, 335, 357, 362, 609, and 609A.

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

COMMITTEE REPORT(S)
Enrollment and Review

LEGISLATIVE BILL 286. Placed on Final Reading.
LEGISLATIVE BILL 289. Placed on Final Reading.

(Signed) Dunixi Guereca, Chairperson

Nebraska Retirement Systems

LEGISLATIVE BILL 295. Placed on General File with amendment.
[AM404](#) is available in the Bill Room.

(Signed) Beau Ballard, Chairperson

Business and Labor

LEGISLATIVE BILL 353. Placed on General File.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 299. Placed on General File with amendment.
[AM464](#)

- 1 1. On page 2, line 28, strike "or" and insert "and".
- 2 2. On page 3, line 22, strike "any"; in line 28 after the semicolon
- 3 insert "and"; in line 29, strike the semicolon and insert an underscored
- 4 period; and strike lines 30 and 31.
- 5 3. On page 4, strike lines 1 through 7; in line 8 strike "(d)" and
- 6 insert "(c)"; and in line 10, strike "(e)" and insert "(d)".

(Signed) Kathleen Kauth, Chairperson

Executive Board

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 25CA. Placed on General File with amendment.

[AM526](#)

- 1 1. Strike original sections 1 and 2 and insert the following new
- 2 sections:
- 3 Section 1. At the general election in November 2026, the following
- 4 proposed amendment to the Constitution of Nebraska shall be submitted to
- 5 the electors of the State of Nebraska for approval or rejection:
- 6 To amend Article III, section 7:
- 7 III-7 At the general election to be held in November 1964, one-half
- 8 the members of the Legislature, or as nearly thereto as may be
- 9 practicable, shall be elected for a term of four years and the remainder
- 10 for a term of two years, and thereafter all members shall be elected for
- 11 a term of four years, with the manner of such election to be determined
- 12 by the Legislature. When the Legislature is redistricted, the members
- 13 elected prior to the redistricting shall continue in office, and the law
- 14 providing for such redistricting shall where necessary specify the newly
- 15 established district which they shall represent for the balance of their
- 16 term. Each member shall be nominated and elected in a nonpartisan manner
- 17 and without any indication on the ballot that he or she is affiliated

18 with or endorsed by any political party or organization. Until January 3,
 19 2029, each member of the Legislature shall receive a salary of not to
 20 exceed one thousand dollars per month during the term of his or her
 21 office. Beginning January 3, 2029, the compensation of the members of the
 22 Legislature shall be established by a nonpartisan, independent
 23 legislative compensation commission established by law. The members of
 24 the commission shall not include any current or former member of the
 25 Legislature, the spouse of any current or former member of the
 26 Legislature, any current or former employee of the Legislature, any
 27 current or former lobbyist who was registered as a lobbyist in Nebraska,
 1 any current or former judge of any court in Nebraska, any current or
 2 former statewide elected official of Nebraska, or any current or former
 3 state employee of Nebraska. In addition to such compensation ~~his or her~~
 4 ~~salary,~~ each member shall receive an amount equal to his or her actual
 5 expenses in traveling by the most usual route once to and returning from
 6 each regular or special session of the Legislature. Members of the
 7 Legislature shall receive no pay nor perquisites other than such
 8 ~~compensation~~ ~~his or her salary~~ and expenses, and employees of the
 9 Legislature shall receive no compensation other than their salary or per
 10 diem.
 11 Sec. 2. The proposed amendment shall be submitted to the electors
 12 in the manner prescribed by the Constitution of Nebraska, Article XVI,
 13 section 1, with the following ballot language:
 14 A constitutional amendment to provide for a nonpartisan, independent
 15 legislative compensation commission to establish the compensation of
 16 members of the Legislature.
 17 For
 18 Against.

(Signed) Ben Hansen, Chairperson

Agriculture

The Agriculture Committee desires to report favorably upon the appointment(s) listed below. The Committee suggests the appointment(s) be confirmed by the Legislature and suggests a record vote.

State Fair Board:
 Dawn Caldwell

Aye: 8. DeKay, Hansen, Holdcroft, Ibach, Kauth, McKeon, Raybould, Storm. Nay: 0. Absent: 0. Present and not voting: 0.

(Signed) Barry DeKay, Chairperson

Banking, Commerce and Insurance

LEGISLATIVE BILL 253. Placed on General File.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 232. Placed on General File with amendment.

AM470

1 1. Strike the original sections and insert the following new
 2 sections:
 3 Section 1. Section 44-502, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is
 4 amended to read:

5 44-502 No policy of life or endowment insurance, except policies of
6 industrial insurance, shall be issued or delivered in this state unless
7 it contains in substance the following provisions:

8 (1) A provision that all premiums shall be payable in advance either
9 at the home office of the company or to any agent of the company upon
10 delivery of a receipt signed by one or more of the officers who shall be
11 named in the policy.

12 (2) A provision that the insured is entitled to a grace of one month
13 within which the payment of any premium, after the first year, may be
14 made, subject, at the option of the company, to an interest charge not in
15 excess of six percent per annum for the number of days of grace elapsing
16 before the payment of the premium, during which period of grace the
17 policy shall continue in force; but in case the policy becomes a claim
18 during the said period of grace before the overdue premium or the
19 deferred premiums of the current policy year, if any, are paid, the
20 amount of such premiums, with interest on any overdue premium, may be
21 deducted from any amount payable under the policy in settlement.

22 (3) A provision that the policy shall constitute the entire contract
23 between the parties; but if the company desires to make the application a
24 part of the contract, it may do so; Provided, a copy of such application
25 shall be endorsed upon or attached to the policy when issued, and in such
26 case, the policy shall contain a provision that the policy and the
27 application therefor shall constitute the entire contract between the
1 parties.

2 (4) A provision that all statements made by the insured shall, in
3 the absence of fraud, be deemed representations and not warranties, and
4 that no such statement shall avoid the policy unless it is contained in a
5 written application, and a copy of such application shall be endorsed
6 upon or attached to the policy when issued.

7 (5) A provision that the policy shall be incontestable after it
8 shall have been in force during the lifetime of the insured for two years
9 from its date, except for nonpayment of premiums and except with respect
10 to limitations of liability which may be contained in the policy relating
11 to (a) death resulting from war or acts of war, declared or undeclared,
12 where such limitations shall have been found by the Director of Insurance
13 to be in keeping with the interests of the policyholders of the company
14 and to be not unfairly discriminatory, and (b) aeronautics other than as
15 a fare-paying passenger of a commercial airline, and flying on a
16 regularly scheduled route between definitely established airports; and in
17 any such cases the liability of the company may be limited by the terms
18 of the policy to a sum not less than the reserve on the face of the
19 policy and the reserve on any paid-up additions thereto and any dividends
20 standing to the credit of the policy, less any indebtedness to the
21 company on the policy; and, at the option of the company, provisions
22 relative to benefits in the event of total and permanent disability, and
23 provisions which grant additional insurance specifically against death by
24 accident may be excepted from the incontestable clause; Provided,
25 limitations with reference to aeronautics shall not be included in any
26 policy where an extra premium is charged to cover the aeronautic risk,
27 nor shall any such limitations extending beyond the contestable period be
28 included in or attached to any policy where the applicant for insurance
29 has not elected in writing to accept a policy with such limitations, and
30 by such election has agreed to a reduced coverage for the aviation risk.

31 (6) A provision that if the age of the insured has been misstated,
1 the amount payable under the policy shall be such as the premium paid
2 would have purchased at the correct age.

3 (7) A provision that the policy shall participate in the surplus of
4 the company, and that, beginning not later than the end of the third
5 policy year, the company shall annually ascertain and apportion the
6 amount of divisible surplus to which all such policies, as a separate

7 class, are entitled, which amount shall be carried as a distinct and
8 separate liability in favor of such policies. The insured, under any
9 annual dividend policy, shall have the right each year to have the
10 dividend arising from such participation paid in cash, and if the policy
11 shall provide other dividend options, it shall further provide that, if
12 the insured shall not elect any such other options, one of such dividend
13 options provided shall become effective as provided in the policy; but
14 such participation and its distribution may, by contract, be deferred to
15 a fixed or specified time, not exceeding twenty years. Upon written
16 request of the insured the company shall furnish him or her with a
17 statement of the amount of the surplus provisionally ascertained or set
18 aside on such policy and held awaiting distribution at the expiration of
19 the deferred dividend period.

20 (8) A provision that after three full years' premiums have been
21 paid, the company at any time, while the policy is in force, will
22 advance, on proper assignment or pledge of the policy, and on the sole
23 security thereof, at a specified rate of interest determined pursuant to
24 section 44-502.03 a sum equal to, or, at the option of the owner of the
25 policy, less than the amount required by section 44-405, under the
26 conditions specified thereby, and that the company will deduct from such
27 loan value any existing indebtedness on the policy, which has not
28 otherwise entered into the computation of such loan value, together with
29 any unpaid balance of the premium for the current policy year, and may
30 collect interest in advance on the loan to the end of the current policy
31 year. Interest if payable annually in advance shall not exceed an
1 effective rate equivalent to the specified rate of interest determined
2 pursuant to section 44-502.03. It shall be further stipulated in the
3 policy that failure to repay any such advance, or to pay interest, shall
4 not avoid the policy unless the total indebtedness thereon to the company
5 shall equal or exceed such loan value at the time of such failure, nor
6 until one month after notice shall have been mailed by the company to the
7 last-known address of the insured and of the assignee, if any. No
8 condition other than as provided herein, or in section 44-405, shall be
9 exacted as prerequisite to any such advance.

10 (9) A provision for nonforfeiture benefits and cash surrender values
11 in accordance with the requirements of sections 44-406 to 44-407.09.

12 (10) A table showing in figures the loan values, if any, and the
13 options available under the policies each year upon default in premium
14 payments, during at least the first twenty years of the policy.

15 (11) A provision that if, in the event of default in premium
16 payments, the value of the policy shall be applied to the purchase of
17 other insurance, and if such insurance shall be in force and the original
18 policy shall not have been surrendered to the company and canceled, the
19 policy may be reinstated within three years from such default, upon
20 evidence of insurability satisfactory to the company and payment of
21 arrears of premiums with interest and the payment or reinstatement of any
22 other indebtedness to the company upon such policy.

23 (12) A provision that when a policy shall become a claim by the
24 death of the insured, settlement shall be made upon receipt of due proof
25 of death, or not later than two months after receipt of such proof.

26 (13) In case the proceeds of a policy are payable in installments,
27 or as an annuity, a table showing the amounts of the installments or
28 annuity payments.

29 (14) A title on the face of the policy correctly describing the
30 same. Any of the foregoing provisions or portions of this section not
31 applicable by reason of the plan of insurance may, to the extent of
1 inapplicability, be omitted from the policy. Any such policy may be
2 issued or delivered in this state which in the opinion of the Department
3 of Insurance contains provisions on any one or more of the several
4 foregoing requirements more favorable to the policyholder than

5 hereinbefore required.

6 (15)(a) For policies issued or delivered in this state on or after
 7 January 1, 2026, a provision that, at least fifteen days prior to
 8 termination or lapse by reason of default in payment of any premium due
 9 on such policy, a notice will be sent electronically or mailed to the
 10 last-known address of the owner and any assignee on record with the
 11 company.
 12 (b) For policies issued or delivered in this state on or after
 13 January 1, 2026, an assignee shall have the same legal standing as the
 14 owner with respect to subdivision (15)(a) of this section.
 15 Sec. 2. Original section 44-502, Reissue Revised Statutes of
 16 Nebraska, is repealed.

(Signed) Mike Jacobson, Chairperson

AMENDMENT(S) - Print in Journal

Senator DeBoer filed the following amendment to LB599:
AM484

1 1. Strike the original section and insert the following new
 2 sections:
 3 Section 1. Sections 1 to 9 of this act shall be known and may be
 4 cited as the Holistic Approach to Cybersecurity for K-12 Education
 5 Resources Act.
 6 Sec. 2. For purposes of the Holistic Approach to Cybersecurity for
 7 K-12 Education Resources Act:
 8 (1) Consortium means a group of schools joined together for purposes
 9 of receiving funding pursuant to the Holistic Approach to Cybersecurity
 10 for K-12 Education Resources Act for use in purchasing and providing
 11 cybersecurity products and services for such schools that is facilitated
 12 by an educational service unit;
 13 (2) Coordinating council means the Educational Service Unit
 14 Coordinating Council;
 15 (3) Cybersecurity framework means a structured set of guidelines or
 16 standards that are used by governing boards to identify, assess, and
 17 manage such governing board's readiness for cybersecurity threats;
 18 (4) Cybersecurity implementation team means a dedicated team of
 19 individuals that assists participating governing boards with the
 20 identification of cybersecurity needs and implementation of cybersecurity
 21 tools and that acts as a resource for cybersecurity-related issues;
 22 (5) Department means the State Department of Education;
 23 (6) Digital citizenship means the ability to use technology
 24 responsibly, safely, and respectfully;
 25 (7) Governing board means the school board of a school district, the
 26 governing board of a private, denominational, or parochial school, or the
 27 board of directors of an educational service unit; and
 1 (8) School means a school district or an approved or accredited
 2 private, denominational, or parochial school offering instruction in
 3 elementary or high school grades.
 4 Sec. 3. (1) The department shall, in coordination with the
 5 coordinating council, develop a program to provide funding for the
 6 purchase of cybersecurity products and services for use in schools and
 7 educational service units. Such program shall include:
 8 (a) The process of application by and requirements for governing
 9 boards to obtain funding pursuant to the Holistic Approach to
 10 Cybersecurity for K-12 Education Resources Act and deadlines for meeting
 11 the requirements to receive funding under the act;
 12 (b) The creation of distribution methods and requirements relating
 13 to the process by which the department distributes funding under the act,

14 including (i) the calculation of funding for each school and educational
15 service unit pursuant to subdivision (2)(b)(i) of this section and (ii)
16 how a school or educational service unit receives or has access to
17 funding under the act, which may include via a consortium as provided in
18 subdivision (1)(c) of this section or otherwise, as provided in rules and
19 regulations adopted and promulgated by the department in coordination
20 with the coordinating council;

21 (c) The creation of consortiums for access to funding under the act,
22 including, but not limited to, the eligibility for a governing board to
23 join a consortium and the process required for a governing board to join
24 a consortium. The program created pursuant to this section shall allow
25 for the creation of as many consortiums as are necessary to facilitate
26 compliance with the act;

27 (d) The requirement that governing boards complete an annual
28 cybersecurity readiness assessment as provided in section 4 of this act;
29 and

30 (e) The creation, in consultation with the Office of the Chief
31 Information Officer, of a list of approved cybersecurity products and
1 services in a tiered system that may be purchased with funding provided
2 pursuant to the Holistic Approach to Cybersecurity for K-12 Education
3 Resources Act.

4 (2)(a) A governing board shall be eligible for funding pursuant to
5 the Holistic Approach to Cybersecurity for K-12 Education Resources Act
6 for use on approved cybersecurity products and services in an amount
7 calculated by the department pursuant to subdivision (b) of this
8 subsection if such governing board (i) submits evidence that such
9 governing board has completed the annual cybersecurity readiness
10 assessment as provided in section 4 of this act, (ii) submits evidence
11 that such governing board has adopted a cybersecurity policy and
12 cybersecurity framework consistent with the model policy and framework
13 developed by the State Board of Education pursuant to section 4 of this
14 act, and (iii) provides any other additional information that the
15 department may require.

16 (b)(i) The department, in coordination with the coordinating
17 council, shall annually calculate the amount of funding each governing
18 board that meets the eligibility requirements of subdivision (2)(a) of
19 this section may receive or have access to pursuant to the rules and
20 regulations adopted and promulgated by the department in coordination
21 with the coordinating council.

22 (ii) It is the intent of the Legislature to provide funding pursuant
23 to this section from the Cybersecurity Education Resources Fund. The
24 funding available pursuant to this section shall not exceed four million
25 four hundred thousand dollars.

26 Sec. 4. (1)(a) The State Board of Education shall, in consultation
27 with the coordinating council and the Office of the Chief Information
28 Officer, develop a model cybersecurity policy and cybersecurity framework
29 based on best practices for cybersecurity in schools.

30 (b) Each governing board shall adopt a policy consistent with the
31 model policy and framework developed pursuant to subdivision (a) of this
1 subsection in order to be eligible to receive funding pursuant to the
2 Holistic Approach to Cybersecurity for K-12 Education Resources Act.

3 (2) The coordinating council shall purchase or develop a
4 cybersecurity readiness assessment for use by schools and educational
5 service units to determine the school's tier placement in the
6 cybersecurity framework and eligibility for funding under the Holistic
7 Approach to Cybersecurity for K-12 Education Resources Act.

8 (3) Each governing board shall annually complete the cybersecurity
9 readiness assessment to be eligible for funding under the Holistic
10 Approach to Cybersecurity for K-12 Education Resources Act. Such
11 assessment shall be provided at no cost to each school.

12 Sec. 5. (1) The coordinating council shall establish and employ a
13 cybersecurity implementation team to prepare schools on cybersecurity
14 matters and assist educational service units and schools with
15 cybersecurity needs. Such team shall consist of ten individuals and shall
16 include:
17 (a) One director to oversee statewide operations for kindergarten
18 through twelfth grade cybersecurity issues; and
19 (b) Nine regional cybersecurity specialists geographically located
20 to support educational service units and schools with cybersecurity
21 needs.
22 (2) The coordinating council shall assign specialists based on the
23 need of schools.
24 (3) It is the intent of the Legislature that two million dollars
25 from the Cybersecurity Education Resources Fund be used to pay for the
26 employment and work of the cybersecurity implementation team.
27 Sec. 6. (1) The State Board of Education shall adopt digital
28 citizenship standards for schools and include such standards within
29 relevant content area standards as appropriate and applicable.
30 (2) The State Board of Education, in consultation with the
31 coordinating council, shall develop and maintain a digital citizenship
1 curriculum for students and training materials for teachers and parents.
2 Such curriculum and training materials may be provided to each school at
3 no cost.
4 (3) Educational service units shall annually create digital
5 citizenship training for teachers. Each school shall provide an
6 opportunity for parents of students in attendance at such school to have
7 access to or take such training annually.
8 Sec. 7. (1) The department shall, in consultation with the
9 coordinating council and the Office of the Chief Information Officer,
10 develop a pipeline for technology careers program. Such program shall
11 include, but not be limited to:
12 (a) Creating academic pathways beginning in high school to encourage
13 students to continue to pursue (i) technology education in postsecondary
14 educational institutions and (ii) technology careers;
15 (b) Providing for internships with companies or schools in Nebraska
16 to allow students in the pipeline for technology careers program to gain
17 cybersecurity industry experience;
18 (c) Providing financial incentives for students enrolled in the
19 pipeline for technology careers program to commit to work in Nebraska,
20 particularly rural areas of the state, for a set number of years
21 following graduation from a postsecondary educational institution with a
22 degree in the cybersecurity field; and
23 (d) The development of a method to evaluate the success of the
24 pipeline for technology careers program, including, but not limited to,
25 examining graduation rates of individuals in the program and technology
26 job creation in Nebraska.
27 (2) The State Board of Education shall adopt and promulgate rules
28 and regulations for the pipeline for technology careers program,
29 including, but not limited to, (a) academic requirements for
30 participation in the program and (b) a prioritization metric for students
31 who commit to serve in rural Nebraska upon completion of the program.
1 Sec. 8. (1) The Cybersecurity Education Resources Fund is created,
2 The fund shall be administered by the department and shall be used to
3 carry out the Holistic Approach to Cybersecurity for K-12 Education
4 Resources Act. Any money in the Cybersecurity Education Resources Fund
5 available for investment shall be invested by the state investment
6 officer pursuant to the Nebraska Capital Expansion Act and the Nebraska
7 State Funds Investment Act.
8 (2) It is the intent of the Legislature to transfer ten million
9 dollars for fiscal year 2025-26, and each fiscal year thereafter, from

10 the General Fund to the Cybersecurity Education Resources Fund to carry
 11 out the Holistic Approach to Cybersecurity for K-12 Education Resources
 12 Act.
 13 Sec. 9. The State Board of Education and the coordinating council
 14 may adopt and promulgate rules and regulations to carry out the Holistic
 15 Approach to Cybersecurity for K-12 Education Resources Act.
 16 Sec. 10. Section 79-1248, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is
 17 amended to read:
 18 79-1248 The powers and duties of the Educational Service Unit
 19 Coordinating Council include, but are not limited to:
 20 (1) Providing public access to lists of qualified distance education
 21 courses;
 22 (2) Collecting and providing school schedules for participating
 23 educational entities;
 24 (3) Facilitation of scheduling for qualified distance education
 25 courses;
 26 (4) Brokering of qualified distance education courses to be
 27 purchased by educational entities;
 28 (5) Assessment of distance education needs and evaluation of
 29 distance education services;
 30 (6) Compliance with technical standards as set forth by the Nebraska
 31 Information Technology Commission and academic standards as set forth by
 1 the State Department of Education related to distance education;
 2 (7) Establishment of a system for scheduling courses brokered by the
 3 council and for choosing receiving educational entities when the demand
 4 for a course exceeds the capacity as determined by either the technology
 5 available or the course provider;
 6 (8) Administration of learning management systems, either through
 7 the staff of the council or by delegation to an appropriate educational
 8 entity, with the funding for such systems provided by participating
 9 educational entities; ~~and~~
 10 (9) Coordination with educational service units and postsecondary
 11 educational institutions to provide assistance for instructional design
 12 for both two-way interactive video distance education courses and the
 13 offering of graduate credit courses in distance education; ~~and~~.
 14 (10) Coordination with the State Board of Education, State
 15 Department of Education, Office of the Chief Information Officer, and
 16 educational service units in implementing the Holistic Approach to
 17 Cybersecurity for K-12 Education Resources Act.
 18 Sec. 11. Original section 79-1248, Reissue Revised Statutes of
 19 Nebraska, is repealed.

Senator Wordekemper filed the following amendment to LB434:
AM494

1 1. Strike the original sections and insert the following new
 2 sections:
 3 Section 1. Section 28-1239.01, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska,
 4 is amended to read:
 5 28-1239.01 (1) No person shall conduct a public exhibition or
 6 display of display fireworks without first procuring a display permit
 7 from the State Fire Marshal. Such application for a display permit shall
 8 be accompanied by a fee of ~~one hundred ten~~ one hundred dollars to be remitted to the
 9 State Treasurer for credit to deposited in the State Fire Marshal Cash
 10 Fund.
 11 (2) No display fireworks shall be sold or delivered by a licensed
 12 distributor to any person who is not in possession of an approved display
 13 permit. Sales of display fireworks to persons without an approved display
 14 permit shall be subject to sections 28-1213 to 28-1239.
 15 Sec. 2. Section 28-1246, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is
 16 amended to read:

17 28-1246 (1) It shall be unlawful for any person to sell, hold for
18 sale, or offer for sale as a distributor, jobber, or retailer any
19 fireworks in this state unless such person has first obtained a license
20 as a distributor, jobber, or retailer. Application for each such license
21 shall be made to the State Fire Marshal on forms prescribed by him or
22 her. Each application shall be accompanied by the required fee, which
23 shall be one thousand five hundred dollars for a distributor's license,
24 ~~four~~ two hundred dollars for a jobber's license, and one hundred twenty
25 ~~five~~ dollars for a retailer's license. Each application for a retailer's
26 license shall be received by the State Fire Marshal at least ten business
27 days prior to the sales period, as set forth in section 28-1249, in which
1 the retailer wishes to sell consumer fireworks. A retailer's license
2 shall be good only for the specific sales period listed on the
3 application and within the calendar year in which issued. The retailer's
4 license shall at all times be displayed at the place of business of the
5 holder thereof.

6 (2) The funds received pursuant to this section shall be remitted to
7 the State Treasurer for credit to the State Fire Marshal Cash Fund.
8 Sec. 3. Section 28-1251, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is
9 amended to read:

10 28-1251 (1) It shall be unlawful for any person, association,
11 partnership, limited liability company, or corporation to conduct fire
12 alarm tests and fire alarm inspections without prior written
13 certification by the State Fire Marshal as to the qualifications of such
14 persons conducting such tests and inspections.

15 (2) The State Fire Marshal shall formulate reasonable guidelines to
16 determine qualifications for fire alarm inspectors and shall administer
17 an examination pursuant to such guidelines prior to certification of
18 applicants.

19 (3) The State Fire Marshal may charge a fee of no more than two
20 ~~one~~ hundred dollars to cover costs of administering such examinations and
21 issuing certifications.

22 (4) Unlawful testing or inspection of fire alarms is a Class III
23 misdemeanor.

24 Sec. 4. Section 81-503.01, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is
25 amended to read:

26 81-503.01 (1) The State Fire Marshal shall adopt and promulgate
27 rules and regulations constituting a State Fire Code. At a minimum, the
28 State Fire Code shall cover:

29 (a) The prevention of fires;

30 (b) The storage, sale, and use of flammable liquids, combustibles,
31 and fireworks;

1 (c) Electrical wiring and heating, protection equipment devices,
2 materials, furnishings, and other safeguards within structures necessary
3 to promote safety and reduce loss by fire;

4 (d) The means and adequacy of exits, in case of fire, in assembly,
5 educational, institutional, residential, mercantile, office, storage, and
6 industrial-type occupancies as such structures are defined in the State
7 Fire Code;

8 (e) All other buildings, structures, and enclosures in which numbers
9 of persons congregate from time to time for any purpose, whether
10 privately or publicly owned;

11 (f) Design, construction, location, installation, and operation of
12 equipment for storing, handling, and utilization of liquefied petroleum
13 gases, specifying the odorization of such gases and the degree thereof;

14 (g) Chemicals, prozylin plastics, X-ray nitrocellulose films, or any
15 other hazardous material that may now or hereafter exist;

16 (h) Tanks used for the storage of regulated substances pursuant to
17 the Petroleum Products and Hazardous Substances Storage and Handling Act;
18 and

19 (i) Accessibility standards and specifications adopted pursuant to
20 section 81-5,147.

21 (2) Not later than July 1, 2019, the rules and regulations adopted
22 and promulgated as part of the State Fire Code shall conform generally to
23 the standards recommended by the National Fire Protection Association,
24 Pamphlet Number 1, known as the Fire Code, 2012 edition, the National
25 Fire Protection Association, Pamphlet Number 101, known as the Life
26 Safety Code, 2012 edition, and associated pamphlets, but not when doing
27 so would impose an unduly severe or costly burden without substantially
28 contributing to the safety of persons or property.

29 (3) The State Fire Marshal shall enforce the State Fire Code through
30 inspections, code compliance, and orders. Plans for compliance with the
31 State Fire Code shall be reviewed by the State Fire Marshal. Plans
1 submitted after remodeling or construction has begun shall be accompanied
2 by a late submittal penalty of an amount equal to an additional fifty
3 percent of the fifty dollars in addition to the plan review fee
4 established pursuant to subdivision (4)(a) of section 81-505.01.

5 (4) Rules and regulations adopted and promulgated as part of the
6 State Fire Code shall apply to sites or structures in public ownership
7 listed on the National Register of Historic Places but without destroying
8 the historic quality thereof.

9 Sec. 5. Section 81-505.01, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is
10 amended to read:

11 81-505.01 (1) The State Fire Marshal shall establish and assess fees
12 not to exceed the actual costs for the performance of services by the
13 State Fire Marshal or by qualified local fire prevention personnel to
14 whom the State Fire Marshal has delegated authority to perform such
15 services. Prior to establishing or altering such fees, the State Fire
16 Marshal shall hold a public hearing on the question of the adoption of or
17 change in fees. Notice of such hearing shall be given at least thirty
18 days prior thereto (a) by publication in a newspaper having general
19 circulation in the state and (b) by notifying in writing the head of any
20 agency or department having jurisdiction over facilities that would be
21 subject to the fees. Fees for services performed by the State Fire
22 Marshal shall be paid to the State Fire Marshal and shall be remitted to
23 the State Treasurer for credit to the State Fire Marshal Cash Fund. Fees
24 for services performed by local fire prevention personnel shall be paid
25 directly to the office of the local fire prevention personnel.

26 (2) The fee for inspection for fire safety of any premises or
27 facility pursuant to section 81-502 or 81-503.01 shall be not less than
28 ~~fifty-two~~ twenty-five nor more than ~~three hundred one hundred fifty~~ three hundred dollars and
29 shall be paid by the licensee or applicant for a license. The fee for
30 inspection for fire safety of the same premises or facility made within
31 twelve months after the last prior inspection shall be not less than
1 ~~fifty-two~~ twenty-five nor more than ~~three one hundred fifty~~ three hundred dollars and shall
2 be paid by the licensee or applicant for a license. The fees for
3 inspection for fire safety of foster family homes as defined in section
4 71-1901 may be paid by the Department of Health and Human Services.

5 (3) The fee for providing investigation reports to insurance
6 companies shall not exceed three dollars for each report provided. The
7 State Fire Marshal may charge an amount not to exceed the actual cost of
8 preparation for any other approved information release.

9 (4)(a) The State Fire Marshal shall charge a fee for reviewing
10 plans, blueprints, and shop drawings to determine compliance with rules
11 and regulations adopted and promulgated pursuant to section 81-503.01 or
12 81-5,147. The State Fire Marshal shall establish such fee in rules and
13 regulations adopted and promulgated to be effective on September 1,
14 2025~~January 1, 2022~~. Such fee shall meet the costs of administering the
15 plan review requirement and other agency duties found in sections 81-502,
16 81-503.01, and 81-5,147 but shall not exceed ten thousand five hundred

17 dollars. The fee schedule as it existed prior to ~~September 1, 2025~~ ~~August~~
 18 ~~28, 2021~~, shall be used through ~~August 31, 2025~~ ~~December 31, 2021~~.

19 (b) The fees established pursuant to subdivision (a) of this
 20 subsection shall not be assessed or collected by any political
 21 subdivision to which the State Fire Marshal has delegated the authority
 22 to conduct such review and which reviews plans, blueprints, or shop
 23 drawings to determine compliance with such political subdivision's own
 24 fire safety regulations. Nothing in this subdivision shall be construed
 25 to prohibit such political subdivision from assessing or collecting a fee
 26 set by its governing board for such review.

27 (c) An additional fee equal to fifty percent of the fee charged
 28 pursuant to subdivision (a) of this subsection shall be assessed for
 29 reviewing plans, blueprints, and shop drawings to determine compliance
 30 with the accessibility standards and specifications adopted pursuant to
 31 section 81-5,147, except that the additional fee assessed pursuant to
 1 this subdivision shall not exceed ~~five thousand two hundred fifty~~ dollars.

2 Sec. 6. Section 81-5,159, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is
 3 amended to read:

4 81-5,159 (1) Any water-based fire protection system contractor who
 5 installs, repairs, alters, adds to, maintains, or inspects water-based
 6 fire protection systems in this state shall first obtain a contractor
 7 certificate.

8 (2) A water-based fire protection system contractor may apply to the
 9 State Fire Marshal for a contractor certificate. The application shall be
 10 made on a form prescribed by the State Fire Marshal and shall include a
 11 certificate fee of up to ~~two~~ hundred dollars. Each applicant must
 12 designate a responsible managing employee on the application, and such
 13 individual's name shall appear on the certificate with that of the water-
 14 based fire protection system contractor upon issuance. Proof of insurance
 15 required by section 81-5,160 shall also accompany the application.

16 (3) Upon receipt of a complete application, proof of insurance, and
 17 certificate fee, the State Fire Marshal shall schedule a time for an
 18 examination of the responsible managing employee to demonstrate that he
 19 or she is familiar with the procedures and rules of the State Fire
 20 Marshal relating to water-based fire protection systems. If the
 21 responsible managing employee passes the examination, the State Fire
 22 Marshal shall issue the certificate to the water-based fire protection
 23 system contractor within thirty days.

24 (4) A certificate shall expire on September 30 of the year following
 25 issuance. An application for renewal shall be filed at least ten days
 26 prior to expiration and shall be accompanied by a renewal fee of up to
 27 ~~two~~ hundred dollars and a sworn affidavit that the responsible
 28 managing employee is currently employed by the water-based fire
 29 protection system contractor. A water-based fire protection system
 30 contractor who fails to apply for renewal within the time stated in this
 31 subsection must make a new application for a certificate.

1 (5) A responsible managing employee may only act as such for one
 2 water-based fire protection system contractor at a time. When a
 3 responsible managing employee terminates his or her association with a
 4 water-based fire protection system contractor, the water-based fire
 5 protection system contractor shall notify the State Fire Marshal within
 6 thirty days after termination. The responsible managing employee shall
 7 not be designated as the responsible managing employee for more than two
 8 water-based fire protection system contractors in any twelve-month
 9 period. The State Fire Marshal shall revoke the certificate of a water-
 10 based fire protection system contractor whose responsible managing
 11 employee has terminated his or her association with the water-based fire
 12 protection system contractor unless an application designating a new
 13 responsible managing employee is filed within six months after
 14 termination or prior to expiration of the current certificate, whichever

15 is earlier.

16 Sec. 7. Section 81-15,120, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is
17 amended to read:

18 81-15,120 Any farm or residential tank or tank used for storing
19 heating oil as defined in subdivisions (10)(a) and (b) of section
20 81-15,119 shall be registered with the State Fire Marshal. The
21 registration shall be accompanied by a one-time fee of ~~ten~~five dollars
22 and shall be valid until the State Fire Marshal is notified that a tank
23 so registered has been permanently closed. Such registration shall
24 specify the ownership of, location of, and substance stored in the tank
25 to be registered. The State Fire Marshal shall remit the fee to the State
26 Treasurer for credit to the Petroleum Products and Hazardous Substances
27 Storage and Handling Fund which is hereby created as a cash fund. The
28 fund shall also consist of any money appropriated to the fund by the
29 state. The fund shall be administered by the Department of Environment
30 and Energy to carry out the purposes of the Petroleum Products and
31 Hazardous Substances Storage and Handling Act, including the provision of
1 matching funds required by Public Law 99-499 for actions otherwise
2 authorized by the act. Any money in such fund available for investment
3 shall be invested by the state investment officer pursuant to the
4 Nebraska Capital Expansion Act and the Nebraska State Funds Investment
5 Act.

6 Sec. 8. Section 81-15,121, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is
7 amended to read:

8 81-15,121 (1) A person shall not (a) maintain or use any tank for
9 the storage of regulated substances, (b) install any new tank, or (c)
10 permanently close a tank without first securing a permit from the State
11 Fire Marshal.
12 (2) A fee shall not be charged for a permit under subdivision (1)(a)
13 or (c) of this section. The fee for a permit for installation shall be
14 ~~seventy-five~~ fifty dollars. The State Fire Marshal shall remit the fee to
15 the State Treasurer for credit to the Underground Storage Tank Fund.
16 (3) All owners of operating tanks, except those provided for in
17 subsection (4) of this section, shall annually register each tank. All
18 registration permits shall expire on December 31 of the year for which
19 the permit was issued. The registration fee shall be no more than
20 ~~sixty~~ thirty dollars per tank. The State Fire Marshal shall remit the fee
21 to the State Treasurer for credit to the Underground Storage Tank Fund.
22 Such permits shall contain the information specified in subsection (5) of
23 this section.
24 (4) In the case of tanks permanently abandoned on or after January
25 1, 1974, an annual permit shall not be required and an initial
26 registration permit shall be sufficient.
27 (5) The application for a registration permit shall be provided by
28 and filed with the State Fire Marshal's office and shall require, but not
29 be limited to, the following information:
30 (a) The date the tank was placed in or taken out of operation;
31 (b) The age of the tank;
1 (c) The size, type, and location of the tank; and
2 (d) The type of substances stored in the tank and the quantity of
3 such substances remaining in the tank if the tank has been permanently
4 closed.
5 (6) The registration permit fee collected pursuant to this section
6 shall be remitted to the State Treasurer for credit to ~~deposited in~~ the
7 Underground Storage Tank Fund which is hereby created as a cash fund. The
8 fund shall also consist of any money appropriated to the fund by the
9 state. The fund shall be administered by the State Fire Marshal to carry
10 out the purposes of the Petroleum Products and Hazardous Substances
11 Storage and Handling Act. Transfers may be made from the fund to the
12 General Fund at the direction of the Legislature. Any money in the

13 Underground Storage Tank Fund available for investment shall be invested
 14 by the state investment officer pursuant to the Nebraska Capital
 15 Expansion Act and the Nebraska State Funds Investment Act.
 16 Sec. 9. Original sections 28-1239.01, 28-1246, 28-1251, 81-503.01,
 17 81-505.01, 81-5,159, 81-15,120, and 81-15,121, Reissue Revised Statutes
 18 of Nebraska, are repealed.
 19 Sec. 10. Since an emergency exists, this act takes effect when
 20 passed and approved according to law.

ANNOUNCEMENT(S)

Priority designation(s) received:

Clouse - LB322

RESOLUTION(S)

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 64. Introduced by McKeon, 41; Andersen, 49; Ballard, 21; Bosn, 25; Bostar, 29; Clouse, 37; DeKay, 40; Dorn, 30; Dungan, 26; Guereca, 7; Hallstrom, 1; Hardin, 48; Holdcroft, 36; Hughes, 24; Ibach, 44; Jacobson, 42; Juarez, 5; Lippincott, 34; Lonowski, 33; McKinney, 11; Meyer, 17; Moser, 22; Murman, 38; Prokop, 27; Quick, 35; Raybould, 28; Rountree, 3; Sorrentino, 39; Spivey, 13; Storer, 43; Storm, 23; von Gillern, 4; Wordekemper, 15.

WHEREAS, the 2025 Nebraska School Activities Association State Wrestling Tournament was held from February 20 through February 22 at the CHI Health Center Omaha; and

WHEREAS, the Burwell High School boys wrestling team secured the Class D Wrestling State Championship title; and

WHEREAS, Burwell's victory was secured by medalists Brody Jensen at 113 pounds, Drew Dawe at 132 pounds, Austin Mayfield at 138 pounds, Trentin Brown at 157 pounds, and Cale Buss at 190 pounds; and

WHEREAS, Burwell's community welcomed their champions home by having the Burwell Fire Department escort the team to the town square to celebrate; and

WHEREAS, such a team achievement is made possible through the support of teachers, administrators, parents, and the community; and

WHEREAS, the Legislature recognizes the academic, athletic, and artistic achievements of the youth of our state.

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

1. That the Legislature congratulates the members of Burwell's wrestling team on winning the 2025 Class D State Wrestling Championship.
2. That a copy of this resolution be sent to Burwell Public Schools.

Laid over.

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 65. Introduced by Conrad, 46; Ballard, 21; Bosn, 25; Brandt, 32; DeKay, 40; Dorn, 30; Dungan, 26; Fredrickson, 20; Hallstrom, 1; Hughes, 24; Hunt, 8; Quick, 35; Raybould, 28; Rountree, 3; Wordekemper, 15.

WHEREAS, Dave Bundy was editor of the Lincoln Journal Star newspaper for thirteen years; and

WHEREAS, Dave Bundy also spent time as a reporter, copy editor, or editor with newspapers in Ashland, Ohio; Ottumwa, Iowa; Decatur, Illinois; Bismarck, North Dakota; and St. Louis, Missouri; and

WHEREAS, Dave Bundy also served several terms as president of Media of Nebraska; advocated for the First Amendment rights of freedom of the press, freedom of speech, and press access during committee hearings of the Legislature; and

WHEREAS, Dave Bundy used his platform to inform and entertain readers about his journey with cancer, using his characteristic wit and humility; and

WHEREAS, Dave Bundy was recognized by Lee Enterprises "for his remarkable courage and uplifting positive attitude while battling not one, but two, cancer diagnoses" during his lifetime and received the Lee President's Award for Exceptional Spirit by maintaining his sense of humor and steadfast commitment to the newsroom in Lincoln during his eight-year battle with bile duct cancer; and

WHEREAS, Dave Bundy passed away on February 23, 2025, at the age of fifty-seven; and

WHEREAS, Dave Bundy was a devoted husband and loving father of four, and a cherished friend whose wisdom, patience, laughter, and grace will be dearly missed.

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

1. That the Legislature honors the memory of Dave Bundy for his service to Nebraska journalism.
2. That the Legislature expresses and extends its sympathy and condolences to the family and friends of Dave Bundy.
3. That a copy of this resolution be sent to the family of Dave Bundy.

Laid over.

UNANIMOUS CONSENT - Add Cointroducer(s)

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

Senator Sanders name added to LB198.

Senator J. Cavanaugh name added to LR63.

VISITOR(S)

Visitors to the Chamber were Lori Broady, Johnson; Daniel Gossman, Johnson; Jeremy Hubel, Fullerton; members of Nebraska State AFL-CIO; students from Lincoln Christian School, Lincoln; Renee Pickerel, Lincoln; Barb Bratt, Lincoln; students from Twin Ridge Elementary, Bellevue.

The Doctor of the Day was Dr. Jeffrey Wallman, Geneva.

ADJOURNMENT

At 11:55 a.m., on a motion by Senator Murman, the Legislature adjourned until 10:00 a.m., Monday, March 10, 2025.

Brandon Metzler
Clerk of the Legislature