

**FIFTIETH DAY - MARCH 26, 2025****LEGISLATIVE JOURNAL****ONE HUNDRED NINTH LEGISLATURE  
FIRST SESSION****FIFTIETH DAY**

Legislative Chamber, Lincoln, Nebraska  
Wednesday, March 26, 2025

**PRAYER**

The prayer was offered by Senator Hughes.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

The Pledge of Allegiance was offered by Senator Jacobson.

**ROLL CALL**

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

The roll was called and all members were present except Senator Dover who was excused; and Senators Bostar, DeBoer, Hansen, and Raybould who were excused until they arrive.

**CORRECTIONS FOR THE JOURNAL**

The Journal for the forty-ninth day was approved.

**MESSAGE(S) FROM THE GOVERNOR**

March 26, 2025

Brandon Metzler  
Clerk of the Legislature  
State Capitol, Room 2018  
Lincoln, NE 68509

Dear Mr. Metzler:

Engrossed Legislative Bills 116, 123, 297e, and 373 were received in my office on March 20, 2025, and signed on March 25, 2025.

These bills were delivered to the Secretary of State on March 26, 2025.

Sincerely,  
(Signed) Jim Pillen  
Governor

**COMMITTEE REPORT(S)**  
Business and Labor

The Business and Labor 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.

Department of Labor:  
Katie Thurber Commissioner

Aye: 6. Hansen, Ibach, Kauth, McKeon, Raybould, Sorrentino. Nay: 0.  
Absent: 0. Present and not voting: 1.

(Signed) Kathleen Kauth, Chairperson

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

Senator Holdcroft filed the following amendment to LB113:

[AM682](#)

1 1. On page 5, line 31, strike "the holder of the microdistillery  
2 license" and show as stricken; and after line 31 insert the following new  
3 subdivision:  
4 "(a) At least sixty percent of the finished distilled product  
5 distributed annually by the holder of the microdistillery license is  
6 derived from crops grown in this state."  
7 2. On page 6, line 1, strike "(a) Self-distributes", show as  
8 stricken, and insert "(b) The holder of the microdistillery license self-  
9 distributes"; and in line 3 strike "(b) Complies", show as stricken, and  
10 insert "(c) The holder of the microdistillery license complies".

**RESOLUTION(S)**

**LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 86.** Introduced by Rountree, 3.

**PURPOSE:** The purpose of this resolution is to propose an interim study to identify and examine the state of affordable and accessible housing in Nebraska and what public policies or resources are needed so that Nebraskans with disabilities can actualize the right to community living set forth in *Olmstead v. L.C.*, 527 U.S. 581 (1999). The United States Supreme Court's decision in *Olmstead* affirmed the right of people with disabilities, when appropriate and desired, to live in the community and not kept isolated in institutions. Access to affordable, decent, safe, integrated, and accessible housing is critical. The Legislature recognized the importance of its obligations set forth in the *Olmstead* decision and created statutory authority

under section 81-6,122 to form an Olmstead Committee to develop a plan to meet Nebraska's Olmstead commitments.

The interim study shall include, but not be limited to, the following:

(1) The nature, characteristics, and importance of accessibility as it relates to housing;

(2) The current stock of affordable housing and the extent to which this stock is accessible for people with disabilities;

(3) Existing affordable housing programs and resources in Nebraska, including programs and resources to assist with home modifications designed to increase accessibility for people with disabilities;

(4) Prospective programs, policies, and resources that could be utilized or leveraged to increase accessible and affordable housing for people with disabilities;

(5) A comparison of costs for people with disabilities to live in institutional settings and costs to live within their community, including home modification costs and the provision of community-based services; and

(6) The long-term effects and costs when an individual is injured in such individual's home.

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

1. That the Urban Affairs Committee of the Legislature shall be designated to conduct an interim study to carry out the purposes of this resolution.

2. That the committee shall upon the conclusion of its study make a report of its findings, together with its recommendations, to the Legislative Council or Legislature.

Referred to the Executive Board.

#### **SPEAKER SIGNED**

While the Legislature was in session and capable of transacting business, the Speaker signed the following: LR17.

#### **GENERAL FILE**

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 415.** Senator Dungan renewed [MO113](#), found and considered on page 857, to reconsider the vote taken on MO110.

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

Pending.

#### **EASE**

The Legislature was at ease from 9:40 a.m. until 9:44 a.m.

**GENERAL FILE**

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 415.** Senator Dungan renewed [MO113](#), found on page 857, and considered on page 857 and in this day's Journal, to reconsider the vote taken on MO110.

Senator Holdcroft renewed his motion to cease debate, found in this day's Journal.

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

The Holdcroft motion to cease debate prevailed with 28 ayes, 14 nays, 3 absent and not voting, and 4 excused and not voting.

The Dungan motion to reconsider failed with 12 ayes, 28 nays, 5 present and not voting, and 4 excused and not voting.

Title read. Considered.

Committee [AM545](#), found on page 726, was offered.

Senator J. Cavanaugh requested a division of the question on the committee amendment.

The Chair sustained the division of the question.

The first committee amendment is as follows:

[AM770](#)

1 1. Strike the original sections and insert the following new  
 2 sections:  
 3 Section 1. Section 2, Initiative Law 2024, No. 436, is amended to  
 4 read:  
 5 Sec. 2. For purposes of the Nebraska Healthy Families and Workplaces  
 6 Act:  
 7 (1) Department means the Department of Labor;  
 8 (2) Employ means to permit to work;  
 9 ~~(3)(a)~~ Employee means any individual employed by an employer, but  
 10 does not include:  
 11 (a) ~~An~~ individual who works in Nebraska for fewer than eighty  
 12 hours in a calendar year;  
 13 (b) An individual who is employed in agricultural employment of a  
 14 seasonal or other temporary nature;  
 15 ~~(c) An~~ ~~(b) Employee does not include an~~ "employee" as defined by 45  
 16 U.S.C. 351(d) who is subject to the federal Railroad Unemployment  
 17 Insurance Act, 45 U.S.C. 351 et seq.; or  
 18 (d) An individual under sixteen years of age;  
 19 (4)(a) Employer means any individual, partnership, limited liability  
 20 company, association, corporation, business trust, legal representative,  
 21 or organized group of persons who employs ~~eleven~~ or more employees.  
 22 (b) Employer does not include the United States or the State of  
 23 Nebraska or its agencies, departments, or political subdivisions;  
 24 (5) Family member means:  
 25 (a) Any of the following, regardless of age: A biological, adopted,  
 26 or foster child, a stepchild, a legal ward, or a child to whom the

27 employee stands in loco parentis;  
1 (b) A biological, foster, step, or adoptive parent or a legal  
2 guardian of an employee or an employee's spouse;  
3 (c) A person who stood in loco parentis to the employee or the  
4 employee's spouse when the employee or employee's spouse was a minor  
5 child;  
6 (d) A person to whom the employee is legally married under the laws  
7 of any state;  
8 (e) A grandparent, grandchild, or sibling, whether of a biological,  
9 foster, adoptive, or step relationship, of the employee or the employee's  
10 spouse; or  
11 (f) Any other individual related by blood to the employee or whose  
12 close association with the employee is the equivalent of a family  
13 relationship;  
14 (6) Health care professional means any person licensed under any  
15 federal or state law to provide medical or emergency services;  
16 (7) Paid sick time means time that is compensated at the same hourly  
17 rate and with the same benefits, including health care benefits, as the  
18 employee typically earns during hours worked and that is provided by an  
19 employer to an employee for the purposes described in section 4 of this  
20 act, and in no case shall the amount of this hourly rate be less than  
21 that provided under section 48-1203;  
22 (8) Public health emergency means a declaration or proclamation  
23 related to a public health threat, risk, disaster, or emergency that is  
24 made or issued by a federal, state, or local official with the authority  
25 to make or issue such a declaration or proclamation;  
26 (9) Retaliatory personnel action means a denial of any right  
27 guaranteed under the Nebraska Healthy Families and Workplaces Act and any  
28 threat, discharge, suspension, demotion, reduction of hours or pay, or  
29 other adverse action against an employee for exercising or attempting to  
30 exercise any right guaranteed in the Nebraska Healthy Families and  
31 Workplaces Act;  
1 (10)(a) Small business means an employer with at least eleven but  
2 fewer than twenty employees during a given week, including full-time,  
3 part-time, or temporary employees.  
4 (b) Small business does not include an employer that maintained  
5 twenty or more employees on its payroll in each of twenty or more  
6 calendar weeks in the current or preceding calendar year; and  
7 (11) Year means a regular and consecutive twelve-month period as  
8 determined by the employer.  
9 Sec. 4. Section 8, Initiative Law 2024, No. 436, is amended to  
10 read:  
11 Sec. 8. (1) The Commissioner of Labor shall issue a citation to an  
12 employer when an investigation reveals that the employer may have  
13 violated the Nebraska Healthy Families and Workplaces Act.  
14 (2) When a citation is issued, the commissioner shall notify the  
15 employer of the proposed administrative penalty, if any, by certified  
16 mail, by any other manner of delivery by which the United States Postal  
17 Service can verify delivery, or by any method of service recognized under  
18 Chapter 25, article 5. The administrative penalty shall not be more than  
19 five hundred dollars in the case of a first violation and not more than  
20 five thousand dollars in the case of a second or subsequent violation.  
21 (3) The employer has fifteen working days after the date of the  
22 citation or penalty to contest such citation or penalty. Notice of  
23 contest shall be sent to the commissioner who shall provide a hearing in  
24 accordance with the Administrative Procedure Act.  
25 (4) Any employer who has an unpaid citation for a violation of the  
26 Nebraska Healthy Families and Workplaces Act shall be barred from  
27 contracting with the state or any political subdivision until such  
28 citation is paid. If a citation has been contested as described in

29 subsection (3) of this section, it shall not be considered an unpaid  
30 citation under this subsection until after such contest has been  
31 resolved.

1 (5) Citations issued under this section and the names of employers  
2 who have been issued a citation shall be made available to the public  
3 upon request, except that this subsection shall not apply to any  
4 citations that are being contested as described in subsection (3) of this  
5 section.

6 ~~(6) An employee having a claim for a violation of the Nebraska  
7 Healthy Families and Workplaces Act may institute suit for legal and  
8 equitable relief in the proper court. In any action brought to enforce  
9 the Nebraska Healthy Families and Workplaces Act, the court shall have  
10 jurisdiction to grant such legal or equitable relief as the court deems  
11 appropriate to effectuate the purposes of the act. If an employee  
12 establishes a claim and secures judgment on the claim, such employee  
13 shall also be entitled to recover the full amount of the judgment and all  
14 costs of such suit, including reasonable attorney's fees.~~

15 ~~(7) If an employee institutes suit against an employer under  
16 subsection (6) of this section, any citation that is issued against an  
17 employer under subsection (1) of this section and that relates directly  
18 to the facts in dispute shall be admitted into evidence unless  
19 specifically excluded by the court. If a citation has been contested as  
20 described in subsection (3) of this section, it shall not be admitted  
21 into evidence under this subsection until such contest has been resolved.~~

22 ~~(8) A civil action brought under this section shall be commenced no  
23 later than four calendar years after the cause of action accrues.~~

24 Sec. 23. Original sections 48-665, 81-5,213, 81-5,215, 81-5,216,  
25 81-5,217, 81-5,218, 81-5,219, 81-5,221, 81-5,223, 81-5,230, and 81-5,239,  
26 Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, sections 9-1302, 9-1303, 9-1304,  
27 9-1306, 9-1307, 9-1308, and 9-1313, Revised Statutes Cumulative  
28 Supplement, 2024, and sections 2, 3, 4, and 8, Initiative Law 2024, No.  
29 436, are repealed.

The second committee amendment is as follows:

[AM771](#) is available in the Bill Room.

The first committee amendment, [AM770](#), found in this day's Journal, was offered.

Senator McKinney offered [MO111](#), found on page 858, to bracket until June 9, 2025.

## SENATOR DEBOER PRESIDING

Pending.

## MESSAGE(S) FROM THE GOVERNOR

March 26, 2025

Mr. President, Speaker Arch  
and Members of the Legislature  
State Capitol  
Lincoln, NE 68509

Dear Mr. President, Speaker Arch, and Members of the Legislature:

On January 23, 2025, Josh Moenning was appointed to the Nebraska Tourism Commission. Mr. Moenning has since moved out of the district he was to represent and can no longer serve. Accordingly, I hereby respectfully request you withdraw him from consideration for confirmation.

Please contact my office if you have any questions.

Sincerely,  
(Signed) Jim Pillen  
Governor

### **MOTION - Suspend Rules**

Senator Sanders offered the following motion:  
Suspend Rule 3, Sec. 14, to permit cancellation of a public hearing by the Government, Military, and Veterans Affairs Committees of the confirmation hearing for Josh Moenning to the Nebraska Tourism Commission.

The Sanders motion to suspend the rules prevailed with 42 ayes, 0 nays, 6 present and not voting, and 1 excused and not voting.

### **NOTICE OF COMMITTEE HEARING(S)** Government, Military and Veterans Affairs Room 1507 1:30 PM

Wednesday, March 26, 2025  
Josh Moenning - Nebraska Tourism Commission (cancel)

(Signed) Rita Sanders, Chairperson

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

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 105.** Placed on Final Reading.  
**LEGISLATIVE BILL 144.** Placed on Final Reading.  
**LEGISLATIVE BILL 168.** Placed on Final Reading.  
**LEGISLATIVE BILL 177.** Placed on Final Reading.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 230.** Placed on Final Reading with the attached statement.

#### **ST14**

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

1. In the Riepe amendment, AM577:
  - a. Section 16 has been renumbered as section 17; and
  - b. Section 18 has been struck.
2. In the DeKay amendment, AM689, on page 2, line 13, "\$2,500" has been struck and "two thousand five hundred dollars" inserted.
3. In the Hallstrom amendment, AM597:
  - a. Section 16 has been renumbered as section 18; and

b. Section 18 has been struck.

4. In the Hallstrom amendment, AM381:

a. Section 16 has been struck and the following new sections inserted:

Sec. 19. Sections 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 17, 18, and 20 of this act become operative on July 1, 2025. Section 16 of this act becomes operative three calendar months after the adjournment of this legislative session. The other sections of this act become operative on their effective date.

Sec. 20. Original sections 28-405 and 77-5601, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024, are repealed.

b. On page 2, line 4, "is" has been inserted after the first comma.

5. On page 1, the matter beginning with "kratom" in line 1 through line 3 has been struck and "public health and welfare; to amend sections 28-405 and 77-5601, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024; to adopt the Kratom Consumer Protection Act; to regulate the sale of nitrous oxide products; to provide penalties; to change provisions of the schedules of controlled substances under the Uniform Controlled Substances Act; to provide for the use of the Department of Revenue Enforcement Fund for the Kratom Consumer Protection Act; to provide operative dates; to repeal the original sections; and to declare an emergency." inserted.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 248.** Placed on Final Reading.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 266.** Placed on Final Reading.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 290.** Placed on Final Reading.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 325.** Placed on Final Reading.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 478.** Placed on Final Reading.

(Signed) Dunixi Guereca, Chairperson

Health and Human Services

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 48.** Placed on General File with amendment.

[AM680](#)

1 1. Strike the original sections and insert the following new

2 sections:

3 Section 1. (1) The Department of Health and Human Services shall  
 4 establish a Family Resource and Juvenile Assessment Center Pilot Program  
 5 for a period of five years in cities of the metropolitan class areas,  
 6 that shall operate twenty-four hours a day, seven days a week. The pilot  
 7 program shall be developed in partnership with local grassroots  
 8 organizations, community stakeholders, and advisors representing youth  
 9 and families impacted by the juvenile justice system.

10 (2) A Family Resource and Juvenile Assessment Center means a  
 11 facility designed to provide support, assessment, and intervention  
 12 services for youth and families involved in, or at risk of, entering the  
 13 juvenile justice system. The goal of the centers is to offer  
 14 comprehensive, community-based solutions that address underlying issues  
 15 contributing to juvenile delinquency, including family dynamics, mental  
 16 health, substance abuse, and educational challenges.

17 Sec. 2. The pilot program established pursuant to section 1 of this  
 18 act shall:

19 (1) Provide comprehensive support resources to prevent youth from  
 20 entering or escalating within the juvenile justice system;

21 (2) Minimize individual and community harm by addressing issues  
 22 before they lead to greater involvement with social services, family  
 23 services, and adult criminal justice systems; and

24 (3) Foster community trust and engagement by integrating culturally  
 25 relevant services delivered by, and for, the communities served.

26 Sec. 3. (1) The Department of Health and Human Services shall  
 27 establish a designation process for family resource and juvenile

1 assessment centers to ensure adherence to high-quality standards in  
2 service delivery, staff qualifications, and organizational effectiveness.  
3 (2) A center seeking designation shall complete a comprehensive  
4 self-assessment based on the national Standards of Quality for Family  
5 Strengthening and Support or a similar benchmark framework and shall  
6 submit an application and the self-assessment to the department for  
7 review.  
8 (3) The department shall conduct site visits and staff interviews as  
9 part of the review process to verify self-assessment findings and confirm  
10 compliance with designation standards.  
11 (4) A center that meets the designation criteria will receive  
12 official designation. A center that does not meet the designation  
13 criteria shall receive feedback and technical assistance so that such  
14 center may improve and reapply for designation.  
15 (5) Two centers shall be selected for the pilot program established  
16 pursuant to section 1 of this act.  
17 Sec. 4. To receive designation as a family resource and juvenile  
18 assessment center under section 3 of this act, an applicant shall meet  
19 the following criteria: (1) Offer a range of core services, including  
20 parenting support, youth counseling, economic success initiatives, early  
21 childhood programs, conflict resolution, mental health services, and  
22 substance abuse prevention; (2) employ professionals trained in family  
23 support principles, cultural competency, trauma-informed care, and the  
24 strengthening families framework; (3) develop partnerships with local  
25 grassroots organizations to provide culturally relevant services,  
26 outreach, and trust-building within the community; (4) demonstrate a  
27 clear, effective organizational framework that supports service delivery,  
28 continuous quality improvement, and sustainable operations; and (5)  
29 implement data collection processes to assess service impact and outcomes  
30 for youth and families, ensuring program adjustments based on feedback.  
31 Sec. 5. (1) Each family resource and juvenile assessment center  
1 shall host multiple community providers, grassroots organizations, and  
2 embedded community navigators to assess and serve the immediate and  
3 ongoing needs of youth and families.  
4 (2) Each center shall provide assessments and services free of  
5 charge to families and maintain active membership in the National  
6 Assessment Center Association.  
7 (3) The purpose of the assessment shall be to (a) enable youth and  
8 families to discuss a family's unique dynamic, challenges, and goals in a  
9 safe, culturally respectful environment, (b) identify the origin of  
10 presenting issues and provide comprehensive service referrals in  
11 partnership with local organizations and businesses, and (c) engage youth  
12 and families in creating tailored action plans for long-term success.  
13 Sec. 6. (1) Each family resource and juvenile assessment center  
14 shall integrate culturally relevant and trauma-informed services,  
15 including (a) tutoring, (b) mentoring from community leaders, including  
16 those with lived experience in the justice system, (c) conflict  
17 resolution and anger management training, (d) mental health and wellness  
18 services provided by culturally sensitive professionals, (e) social  
19 skills and job-readiness training, (f) financial literacy programs, (g)  
20 youth and family counseling, (h) cognitive behavioral therapy, (i) drug  
21 and substance abuse prevention and intervention, and (j) food and  
22 clothing assistance and resource navigation.  
23 (2) Each center shall establish community partnerships to provide  
24 apprenticeships, vocational training, and mentorship opportunities with  
25 local businesses, trades, and community organizations.  
26 Sec. 7. Each family resource and juvenile assessment center shall  
27 (1) have a youth advisory council and parent advisory board composed of  
28 community members to provide ongoing feedback to ensure services remain  
29 relevant, effective, and responsive, (2) host regular outreach events,

30 workshops, and open houses in partnership with schools, faith-based  
31 groups, and community organizations, to create a bridge for preventive  
1 engagement with at-risk youth and their families, and (3) employ  
2 individuals with established community ties and lived experience to guide  
3 youth and families through available services, act as mentors, and assist  
4 with follow-up to ensure sustained engagement.

5 Sec. 8. Each family resource and juvenile assessment center shall  
6 implement a data collection system to assess program effectiveness, track  
7 youth and family outcomes, and incorporate feedback directly from those  
8 served. The data collected shall be used to adjust and refine services,  
9 with a focus on measuring progress toward keeping youth out of the  
10 juvenile justice system and achieving positive life outcomes.

11 Sec. 9. Each family resource and juvenile assessment center shall  
12 offer ongoing support to youth after they complete the initial service  
13 period. This support may include alumni mentoring programs, periodic  
14 check-ins, or additional family resources as youth transition into  
15 adulthood or exit from other systems of care.

16 Sec. 10. Funding for family resource and juvenile assessment  
17 centers shall be allocated to prioritize partnerships with local  
18 grassroots organizations and businesses to sustain services and provide  
19 direct community investment. Subject to available funds, each designated  
20 center shall receive up to five hundred thousand dollars annually from  
21 the Medicaid Managed Care Excess Profit Fund. If such funds are not  
22 available from the Medicaid Managed Care Excess Profit Fund, no General  
23 Funds may be used. No more than ten percent of funds appropriated for the  
24 Family Resource and Juvenile Assessment Center Pilot Program, up to one  
25 hundred thousand dollars per year, shall be used to administer the pilot  
26 program.

27 Sec. 11. The Department of Health and Human Services shall conduct  
28 an annual evaluation of the Family Resource and Juvenile Assessment  
29 Center Pilot Program's impact on youth and family well-being, community  
30 trust, and reduction in juvenile justice system involvement to inform  
31 future program developments under sections 1 to 11 of this act.

1 Sec. 12. Section 68-996, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement,  
2 2024, is amended to read:

3 68-996 (1) The Medicaid Managed Care Excess Profit Fund is created.

4 The fund shall contain money returned to the State Treasurer pursuant to  
5 subdivision (3) of section 68-995.

6 (2) The fund shall first be used to offset any losses under  
7 subdivision (2) of section 68-995 and then to provide for (a) services  
8 addressing the health needs of adults and children under the Medical  
9 Assistance Act, including filling service gaps, (b) ~~providing~~ system  
10 improvements, (c) ~~providing~~ evidence-based early intervention home  
11 visitation programs, (d) ~~providing~~ medical respite services, (e)  
12 translation and interpretation services, (f) ~~providing~~ coverage for  
13 continuous glucose monitors as described in section 68-911, (g) ~~providing~~  
14 other services sustaining access to care, (h) services under the Nebraska  
15 Prenatal Plus Program, (i) ~~and providing~~ grants pursuant to the  
16 Intergenerational Care Facility Incentive Grant Program, and (j) ~~the~~  
17 Family Resource and Juvenile Assessment Center Pilot Program as  
18 determined by the Legislature. The fund shall only be used for the  
19 purposes described in this section.

20 (3) Any money in the fund available for investment shall be invested  
21 by the state investment officer pursuant to the Nebraska Capital  
22 Expansion Act and the Nebraska State Funds Investment Act. Beginning  
23 October 1, 2024, any investment earnings from investment of money in the  
24 fund shall be credited to the General Fund.

25 Sec. 13. This act becomes operative on September 1, 2025.

26 Sec. 14. Original section 68-996, Revised Statutes Cumulative  
27 Supplement, 2024, is repealed.

28 Sec. 15. Since an emergency exists, this act takes effect when  
29 passed and approved according to law.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 274.** Placed on General File with amendment.

[AM84](#)

1 1. On page 2, line 6, strike the new matter and reinstate the  
2 stricken matter.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 380.** Placed on General File with amendment.

[AM728](#) is available in the Bill Room.

(Signed) Brian Hardin, Chairperson

Urban Affairs

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 288.** Placed on General File with amendment.

[AM733](#) is available in the Bill Room.

(Signed) Terrell McKinney, Chairperson

Natural Resources

The Natural Resources 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.

Game and Parks Commission:

Lisa Roskens

Aye: 8. Brandt, Clouse, Conrad, DeKay, Hughes, Juarez, Moser, Raybould.  
Nay: 0. Absent: 0. Present and not voting: 0.

(Signed) Tom Brandt, Chairperson

Revenue

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 712.** Placed on General File.

(Signed) R. Brad von Gillern, Chairperson

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

Senator Dungan filed the following amendment to [LB22A](#):

[AM780](#)

1 1. Strike the original sections and insert the following new  
2 section:  
3 Section 1. There is hereby appropriated (1) \$380,628 from the  
4 Medicaid Managed Care Excess Profit Fund and \$694,972 from federal funds  
5 for FY2025-26 and (2) \$774,002 from the Medicaid Managed Care Excess  
6 Profit Fund and \$1,377,198 from federal funds for FY2026-27 to the  
7 Department of Health and Human Services, for Program 348, to aid in

8 carrying out the provisions of Legislative Bill 22, One Hundred Ninth  
 9 Legislature, First Session, 2025.  
 10 There is included in the appropriation to this program for FY2025-26  
 11 \$380,628 Cash Funds and \$694,972 federal funds for state aid, which shall  
 12 only be used for such purpose. There is included in the appropriation to  
 13 this program for FY2026-27 \$774,002 Cash Funds and \$1,377,198 federal  
 14 funds for state aid, which shall only be used for such purpose.  
 15 No expenditures for permanent and temporary salaries and per diems  
 16 for state employees shall be made from funds appropriated in this  
 17 section.

Senator Arch filed the following amendment to LB346:

FA59

In AM492, Strike Sections 69 and 70.

Senator Storer filed the following amendment to LB646:

AM810

(Amendments to Standing Committee amendments, AM638)

1 1. Strike sections 1 to 19 and all amendments thereto and insert the  
 2 following new sections:  
 3 Section 1. Section 54-170, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is  
 4 amended to read:  
 5 54-170 Sections 54-170 to 54-1,131 and section 2 of this act shall  
 6 be known and may be cited as the Livestock Brand Act.  
 7 Sec. 2. The Nebraska Brand Committee shall develop a report for  
 8 recommendations for updating fees and inspections for all segments of the  
 9 livestock industry. Such report shall be electronically delivered to the  
 10 Clerk of the Legislature no later than December 31, 2025.  
 11 Sec. 3. Original section 54-170, Reissue Revised Statutes of  
 12 Nebraska, is repealed.

Senator von Gillern filed the following amendment to LB415:

AM598 is available in the Bill Room.

Senator Wordekemper filed the following amendment to LB415:

AM754

(Amendments to Standing Committee amendments, AM545)

1 1. Strike section 4 and insert the following new section:  
 2 Sec. 4. Section 8, Initiative Law 2024, No. 436, is amended to  
 3 read:  
 4 Sec. 8. (1) The Commissioner of Labor shall issue a citation to an  
 5 employer when an investigation reveals that the employer may have  
 6 violated the Nebraska Healthy Families and Workplaces Act.  
 7 (2) When a citation is issued, the commissioner shall notify the  
 8 employer of the proposed administrative penalty, if any, by certified  
 9 mail, by any other manner of delivery by which the United States Postal  
 10 Service can verify delivery, or by any method of service recognized under  
 11 Chapter 25, article 5. The administrative penalty shall not be more than  
 12 five hundred dollars in the case of a first violation and not more than  
 13 five thousand dollars in the case of a second or subsequent violation.  
 14 (3) The employer has fifteen working days after the date of the  
 15 citation or penalty to contest such citation or penalty. Notice of  
 16 contest shall be sent to the commissioner who shall provide a hearing in  
 17 accordance with the Administrative Procedure Act.  
 18 (4) Any employer who has an unpaid citation for a violation of the  
 19 Nebraska Healthy Families and Workplaces Act shall be barred from  
 20 contracting with the state or any political subdivision until such  
 21 citation is paid. If a citation has been contested as described in

22 subsection (3) of this section, it shall not be considered an unpaid  
 23 citation under this subsection until after such contest has been  
 24 resolved.  
 25 (5) Citations issued under this section and the names of employers  
 26 who have been issued a citation shall be made available to the public  
 1 upon request, except that this subsection shall not apply to any  
 2 citations that are being contested as described in subsection (3) of this  
 3 section.  
 4 (6) An employee having a claim for a violation of the Nebraska  
 5 Healthy Families and Workplaces Act may institute suit for legal and  
 6 equitable relief in the ~~district~~proper court in the county where the  
 7 employer's principal place of business is located. In any action brought  
 8 to enforce the Nebraska Healthy Families and Workplaces Act, the court  
 9 shall have jurisdiction to grant such legal or equitable relief as the  
 10 court deems appropriate to effectuate the purposes of the act. If an  
 11 employee establishes a claim and secures judgment on the claim, such  
 12 employee shall also be entitled to recover the full amount of the  
 13 judgment and all costs of such suit, including reasonable attorney's  
 14 fees.  
 15 (7) If an employee institutes suit against an employer under  
 16 subsection (6) of this section, any citation that is issued against an  
 17 employer under subsection (1) of this section and that relates directly  
 18 to the facts in dispute shall be admitted into evidence unless  
 19 specifically excluded by the court. If a citation has been contested as  
 20 described in subsection (3) of this section, it shall not be admitted  
 21 into evidence under this subsection until such contest has been resolved.  
 22 (8) A civil action brought under this section shall be commenced no  
 23 later than ~~one~~four calendar ~~year~~years after the cause of action accrues.

Senator Dungan filed the following amendments to LB415:

FA57

In AM770, strike line 18.

FA58

In AM770, strike lines 13 and 14.

Senator J. Cavanaugh filed the following amendment to LB415:

AM787

(Amendments to AM771)

- 1 1. On page 1, line 21, strike "one", show as stricken, and insert
- 2 "four".
- 3 2. On page 3, line 10, after "with" insert "at least four but".

Senator Dungan filed the following amendment to LB415:

AM799

(Amendments to AM771)

- 1 1. On page 1, line 21, strike "one", show as stricken, and insert
- 2 "eleven".
- 3 2. On page 3, line 10, after "with" insert "at least eleven but".

## RESOLUTION(S)

**LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 87.** Introduced by Andersen, 49; Arch, 14; Armendariz, 18; Ballard, 21; Bosn, 25; Bostar, 29; Brandt, 32; Cavanaugh, J., 9; Cavanaugh, M., 6; Clements, 2; Clouse, 37; Conrad, 46; DeBoer, 10; DeKay, 40; Dorn, 30; Dover, 19; Dungan, 26; Fredrickson, 20;

Guereca, 7; Hallstrom, 1; Hansen, 16; Hardin, 48; Holderoft, 36; Hughes, 24; Hunt, 8; Ibach, 44; Jacobson, 42; Juarez, 5; Kauth, 31; Lippincott, 34; Lonowski, 33; McKeon, 41; McKinney, 11; Meyer, 17; Moser, 22; Murman, 38; Prokop, 27; Quick, 35; Raybould, 28; Riepe, 12; Rountree, 3; Sanders, 45; Sorrentino, 39; Spivey, 13; Storer, 43; Storm, 23; Strommen, 47; von Gillern, 4; Wordekemper, 15.

WHEREAS, on March 29, 2025, the 55th Wing will celebrate its 85th birthday, we wish to congratulate and thank the men and women of the 55th Wing for their distinguished service and a legacy of excellence in aviation; and

WHEREAS, the "Fightin' 55th" traces its roots back to its activation by the United States Army Air Force (USAAF) on November 20, 1940, as the 55th Pursuit Group (PG) flying P-43/Lancer fighters. The 55 PG evolved into the 55th Fighter Group (FG) maintaining its fighter escort mission during World War II; incorporating the 38th, 338th, and 343rd Fighter Squadrons (FS), flying P-38/Lightning and P-51/Mustang fighters through 1946. On February 24, 1947, the 55th Reconnaissance Group (RG) was activated at McDill Field, Florida, transitioning the 55th from a fighter to a reconnaissance mission. Now assigned to the Strategic Air Command (SAC), the 55 RG flew RB-17/Flying Fortress, B-29/Super Fortress conducting long-range photo reconnaissance missions; and

WHEREAS, as the 55th Wing's critical reconnaissance mission continued to evolve, so did the Wing. On June 29, 1948, the 55 RG was redesignated as the 55th Strategic Reconnaissance Wing. The Fightin' 55th has had several unit designations and numerous stations. It was relocated to its current location at Offutt Air Force Base (AFB) in Bellevue, Nebraska, on August 16, 1966, while its redesignation as the 55th Wing did not occur until September 1, 1991; and

WHEREAS, the 55th Wing has historically had numerous subordinate units, presently the two operational Groups are the 55th Operations Group (55 OG) and the 55th Electronic Combat Group (55 ECG). The 55 OG is Air Combat Command's (ACC) largest Group and has 12 squadrons and two detachments worldwide. It consists of approximately 3,200 personnel operating 46 aircraft, including 13 models of seven different types. The 55 ECG, located at Davis Monthan AFB, Arizona, plans and executes information operations including information warfare and electronic attack in support of theater campaign plans; and

WHEREAS, the 55th Wing has provided critical intelligence to National Decisionmakers and to friendly forces in combat. Their support has proven pivotal to the successful execution of all major armed conflicts as far back as World War II and as recently as the Global War on Terrorism. The 109th Legislature congratulates the 55th Wing on their 85th birthday and we want to acknowledge the long lineage of superior service to the United States of America and the great state of Nebraska.

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

1. That the Legislature congratulates the men and women of the 55th Wing for their distinguished service and legacy of excellence in aviation.
2. That a copy of this resolution be sent to the 55th Wing.

Laid over.

**LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 88.** Introduced by Clouse, 37; Andersen, 49; Bostar, 29; Brandt, 32; Hansen, 16; Ibach, 44; Kauth, 31; Lippincott, 34; Lonowski, 33; McKeon, 41; McKinney, 11; Meyer, 17; Murman, 38; Quick, 35; Rountree, 3; Storer, 43; Storm, 23.

WHEREAS, the National Collegiate Athletic Association's 2025 Division II Men's Wrestling Championship was held on March 14 and 15 in Indianapolis, Indiana, at Corteva Coliseum; and

WHEREAS, the University of Nebraska at Kearney men's wrestling team earned the championship title with a score of 115 points; and

WHEREAS, this is the University of Nebraska at Kearney's second title in four years, fifth national title since 2008, and twenty-third consecutive year finishing in the top eight; and

WHEREAS, the University of Nebraska at Kearney men's wrestling team is coached by Dalton Jensen; and

WHEREAS, the National Wrestling Coaches Association awarded Coach Dalton Jensen the 2025 Bob Bubb Coaching Excellence Award and the 2025 Division II Men's National Tournament Coach of the Year; and

WHEREAS, the Legislature recognizes the academic, athletic, and artistic achievements of the citizens 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 University of Nebraska at Kearney men's wrestling team on earning the 2025 Division II Men's Wrestling Championship title.
2. That copies of this resolution be sent to the University of Nebraska at Kearney men's wrestling team and Coach Dalton Jensen.

Laid over.

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

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

Senator Bostar name added to LB391.

**WITHDRAW - Cointroducer(s)**

Senator McKeon name withdrawn from LB646.

**VISITOR(S)**

Visitors to the Chamber were students from Holdrege High School, Holdrege; Keith Kliwer and Clayton Kliwer, Saronville; students from Aquinas Catholic School, David City; Colleen and Jacob Storm, David City; students from Heritage Elementary, Bennington; students from the University of Nebraska-Omaha; Community Organizers from Heartland Workers Center, Omaha; members of the Nebraska State Athletic Trainers Association; students from Grace Abbott School of Social Work, University of Nebraska-Omaha; students from Palisades Elementary, Omaha; members of Elkhorn Public Power District; administrators from Schuyler Community Schools; students and teachers from Thayer Central High School, Hebron; students, teachers and sponsor from the Arts and Humanities Focus Program (LPS), Lincoln.

The Doctor of the Day was Dr. Hans Dethlefs, Omaha.

**ADJOURNMENT**

At 11:55 a.m., on a motion by Senator Hallstrom, the Legislature adjourned until 9:00 a.m., Thursday, March 27, 2025.

Brandon Metzler  
Clerk of the Legislature