

SIXTH DAY - JANUARY 15, 2025**LEGISLATIVE JOURNAL****ONE HUNDRED NINTH LEGISLATURE
FIRST SESSION****SIXTH DAY**

Legislative Chamber, Lincoln, Nebraska
Wednesday, January 15, 2025

PRAYER

The prayer was offered by Senator von Gillern.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was offered by Senator Clements.

ROLL CALL

Pursuant to adjournment, the Legislature met at 9:45 a.m., President Kelly presiding.

The roll was called and all members were present except Senators Bostar, J. Cavanaugh, Conrad, DeBoer, Dungan, Hardin, Hunt, and Raybould who were excused until they arrive.

CORRECTIONS FOR THE JOURNAL

The Journal for the fifth day was approved.

REFERENCE COMMITTEE REPORT

The Legislative Council Executive Board submits the following report:

LB/LR	Committee
LB58	Government, Military and Veterans Affairs (rereferred)
LB130	Appropriations
LB131	Revenue
LB132	Judiciary
LB133	Judiciary
LB134	Transportation and Telecommunications
LB135	Government, Military and Veterans Affairs
LB136	Judiciary
LB137	Judiciary

LB138	Health and Human Services
LB139	Banking, Commerce and Insurance
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LB179	Nebraska Retirement Systems
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LB190 Executive Board
LB191 Transportation and Telecommunications
LB192 Health and Human Services
LB193 Government, Military and Veterans Affairs
LB194 Revenue
LR10CA Revenue
LR11CA Revenue

(Signed) Ben Hansen, Chairperson
Executive Board

NOTICE OF COMMITTEE HEARING(S)

Education
Room 1525 1:30 PM

Monday, January 27, 2025

Connie Edmond - Board of Trustees of the Nebraska State Colleges
Robert Engles - Board of Trustees of the Nebraska State Colleges

(Signed) Dave Murman, Chairperson

ANNOUNCEMENT(S)

The Transportation and Telecommunications Committee elected Senator Ballard as Vice Chairperson.

The Banking, Commerce and Insurance Committee elected Senator Hallstrom as Vice Chairperson.

RESOLUTION(S)

Pursuant to Rule 4, Sec. 5(b), LR 1 was adopted.

PRESIDENT SIGNED

While the Legislature was in session and capable of transacting business, the PRESIDENT signed the following: LR 1.

MOTION - Escort Governor

Senator Ibach moved that a committee of five be appointed to escort the Governor of the State of Nebraska to the Legislative Chamber to deliver his State of the State Address.

The motion prevailed.

The Chair appointed Senators Armendariz, Ballard, Conrad, DeBoer, and Hughes to serve on said committee.

STATE OF THE STATE ADDRESS

President Kelly, Speaker Arch, members of the 109th Legislature, tribal leaders, fellow Nebraskans.

What a time of promise and opportunity for our state and nation. What a tremendous moment for those of us who have been blessed with the privilege to serve our fellow citizens in public office. I am as grateful today for that privilege as I was when I stood in this chamber just over two years ago and swore to uphold our Constitution—and I am more invigorated than ever before.

I recently had a very real reminder of the preciousness of each moment. For the many Nebraskans whose livelihood depends on their stewardship of powerful animals, respect for that power is no mystery. I dropped my guard, and I was humbled by a reminder of that power. I am here before you today only by God's grace. But a life-GIVING moment like the one I experienced can have the effect of clarifying one's sense of mission. It reminds one of how delicate life is, and to make the most of every moment one is given. I'm grateful that almighty God has given me a second shot, and I continue on the road to recovery, instilled with a renewed commitment to spending my days fighting for the people of this state and, most importantly, making a positive difference. I am grateful beyond words to my wife and our First Lady, Suzanne, for her constant love and care. And I am grateful for the outpouring of support from so many Nebraskans, and I am especially grateful for the power of their prayers and for sending me the gift of the holy spirit. Thank you.

Okay, no more horsing around.

To all of the public servants in this room—and especially to our new senators and their families—thank you for answering the call to public life and for taking on the burdens and sacrifices of service. The road ahead is full of long days and late nights, of time away from loved ones, and of sometimes trying debates and disagreements. But with it comes the daily opportunity to leave the greatest place in the world even better than we found it for our kids and grand babies. If we keep their futures and the betterment of this state as our north star—and set our own personal political fortunes aside—there is no limit to what we can achieve here. I am excited to partner with both the veterans and the new arrivals to this Legislature. And, I assure you, every moment will be worth it.

I am pleased to report that the state of our state is extraordinarily strong. Our unemployment rate is among the lowest in America. Our state's population is growing faster than it has in decades, and our population has now topped two million people. The engines of our economy are powering

that growth—from our agricultural backbone to our powerhouse financial services and manufacturing sectors. Our state government is smaller, more efficient, and more productive. And, at long last, the tax burden on our citizens to pay for that government is less than it was two years ago. Our natural resources are plentiful, our people are the hardest-working of anywhere on earth, and it will soon be morning again in America with the return of a presidency and congress committed to making this nation prosperous, secure, strong, and healthy again. But even with these strengths, this legislative session affords us tremendous opportunities to take further steps forward.

Simply put, the work of making Nebraska a low-tax state is far from over. We should remember how we got here and why our tax system is so out of whack. In the past, during a deflationary period, city, county, and state government in Nebraska grew at an excessive rate. There was little fiscal restraint—and the result was bloated government growing unchecked on the backs of its people. The burden is upon US to correct it NOW. And to make Nebraska competitive with our neighbors, we must set the example at the state level. Despite dire warnings of budget shortfalls, I have presented a budget that SHRINKS state spending by half a percent over the next biennium. In fact, if you set aside increased and unreimbursed Medicaid spending required by the federal government, State spending in this budget is REDUCED by 2.3 percent. Even as we make a multigenerational investment in the University of Nebraska Medical Center, and significantly increase our state commitment to supporting the mission of Offutt Air Force Base and U.S. Strategic Command, we have presented to you a fully balanced budget that CUTS spending. We have achieved this historic spending restraint by having the courage to say no, and to focus on needs, not wants, and we will continue to have that courage.

Not all are happy when we work to fix the tax system. But as my dad used to tell us on the farm: what does happy have to do with it? We have work to do. Our job as public servants is not to make everyone happy—much less any one industry or special interest group. Our job is to focus on schools, public safety, roads, and critical services—the NEEDS of Nebraskans and nothing else.

This year we will prioritize improvements to Nebraska's school funding system. TEEOSA—Nebraska's thirty-year-old formula for school funding—remains broken, burdening local communities and property tax payers in districts with limited resources and shortchanging our kids. It would shock most Nebraskans to hear that 25 years ago, 226 school districts received state aid—by 2024, that number had shrunk to 60. That was not the intent with the original law. We are going to have the courage to make serious and lasting fixes to this system. I will establish a blue-ribbon commission of experts to cut through the bureaucracy and vested special interests in our current school funding system and recommend a new model for Nebraska, which THIS Legislature will be able to consider and adopt. And along with other technical changes to strengthen TEEOSA, Senator Hughes is

championing a bill that will honor the state's constitutional obligation to fund K-12 education by increasing the foundation aid per student across the state, consistent with the principle that school funding should ALWAYS follow the student, not the system.

Although you wouldn't always know it reading the papers, last year did result in real wins for Nebraskans struggling with our spiraling property tax crisis. After years in which only some Nebraska homeowners took advantage of property tax credits, now ALL homeowners receive this relief. For the first time in a generation, Nebraskans opened their property tax statements last month to find the amount they owed was LOWER than the year before. Like many of you, I have been overwhelmed by the gratitude shown by so many Nebraskans for this relief. For the first time EVER, the amount of property taxes local governments can collect will be capped, with commonsense flexibility to allow investments in public safety, police, and firefighters. But the work is not done, and we must do more this year. There are leaders in this body like Senator Clements who continue the fight to eliminate Nebraska's death tax. By making commonsense adjustments to our tax code and making it more competitive with other states, we will invest two hundred million MORE dollars into Nebraska's property tax credit fund. From Harrison to Omaha, Nebraskans of all stripes have recognized how out of whack our property taxes have become and what a burden they put on families, communities, and our ability to grow. They expect us to continue to work to solve it—and we WILL.

To shrink government we must eliminate its obsolete parts and clean out its closets. Over the years, we have created far too many boards and commissions. Many have missions duplicative of those of other government agencies, or which have grown outdated over time. All add regulatory power or more government where none is needed. Especially at a time when we must tighten our belt and treat every nickel like manhole covers, we must continually assess which parts of government are still of use to the people. The clock ran out on these efforts last session, but we must right size our boards and commissions with a commonsense, bipartisan bill that will eliminate or consolidate dozens of them. Speaker Arch has reintroduced a bill that will do just that. I am grateful for his leadership on this important issue and I look forward to signing it into law.

We have an opportunity to consolidate and streamline two of our major code agencies, as well. Water is the lifeblood of Nebraska, and what we do to protect our QUANTITY and improve our QUALITY of water will be our legacy. Through both our vast system of surface waterways and our treasured Ogallala Aquifer—we have a natural hedge against drought and therefore a God-given foundation for our agricultural and industrial economy in the toughest of times. State government bifurcates its management of this resource through two separate departments—of Environment and Energy and of Natural Resources. By doing so, we needlessly divide our focus on water quality and quantity. Given the interrelatedness of these two things, this makes no sense. Further, it places

Nebraska out of step and uncompetitive with the majority of our fellow states. For our most treasured resource to remain the envy of North America for the next seven generations, a new model of stewardship is needed. I am grateful to Senator Brandt for carrying an important measure that will combine DEE and DNR and establish the new combined Department of Water, Energy, and Environment. It will save costs, eliminate duplicative overhead, and streamline the mission of stewarding and protecting our natural resources and environment, and enhance collaboration, as well. We have begun the work of consolidating all of the important work of these two agencies under unified leadership, and I look forward to working with you to carry that work to its completion.

Now more than ever, it is vital that our state speaks with a unified voice on the national stage. For three decades, under our current allocation of electoral college votes by congressional district, we have divided our voice and diminished our impact in presidential elections. Not one of our fellow states except one has followed us down this path. Now is the time to fix it, and I thank Senator Lippincott for his leadership in giving it the priority it deserves. With no presidential election right around the corner, there is no better time to dispassionately deliver on the will of a majority of the people of this state, honor our constitutional founding, and unify our voice in our most important exercise of national democracy. I call on this body to end this thirty year experiment and pass winner take all THIS legislative session.

In the modern world, it can be extremely difficult to protect our kids and culture from the harmful effects of ever-present social media, online bullying, and attacks on our values. Every parent knows firsthand the worry of what their kids are being exposed to online and on screens. Here in Nebraska, we are going to level the playing field between parents and Big Tech giants. I am grateful to Senators Sanders, Hardin, Bosn, and Storer for introducing a package of bills to protect children from the harms of social media, ban phones in classrooms, and fix our child pornography laws to include AI-generated images. We protect kids from tobacco, alcohol, tattoos under certain ages, and even restrict the age when kids can work—there's no reason why we should not protect their mental health from the damage caused by social media, too.

We must protect our kids—and especially our daughters and granddaughters—in other ways, too. In a world where common sense has become uncommon, it remains our north star here in Nebraska. It's hard to understand, a small minority believe it is acceptable to allow biological boys to share bathrooms, locker rooms, and playing fields with girls. This is unfair, unconscionable, and a recipe for predatory behavior. Senator Kauth has brought back a new and improved Stand With Women Act, which will make sure that women's spaces are protected FOR women. I don't want my granddaughters—or ANYONE'S daughters and granddaughters, for that matter, sharing a locker room with boys, and I know the overwhelming majority of Nebraskans agree. Pass the Stand With Women Act to my desk so we can protect common sense here in Nebraska.

Last, but absolutely not least, we must take steps to protect both our farmers and producers AND the consumers of the food our state produces. I'm grateful to Senator Jacobson for his work to protect farmers' data from being taken advantage of by large corporate and big data interests. We have another opportunity to protect both our consumers and our agricultural producers in a single step. The big food industry wants to flood our supermarket shelves with deceptively-named products that purport to be "meat" on par with what our ranchers, feeders, and farmers produce throughout Nebraska. But in reality, this stuff is made in bio-reactors, and is a masquerade of the original, with unreliable protein, unknowable ingredients, and a flat-out dishonest label on the front. The backers of these products are cut from the same cloth as the anti-farmer activists who want to put our agriculture producers out of business, and we need to recognize them as such. I will never stop fighting for Nebraska's farmers and ranchers, and I stand with Senator DeKay, who has introduced a strong bill to "beef up" our consumer protections and false labeling laws to eliminate these dishonest products from Nebraska's grocery shelves.

Last year, Nebraskans experienced countless examples of public service in its purest form. 2024 was a year when we felt mother nature's wrath time after time. Record blizzards, raging wildfires, torrential floods, and vicious tornadoes set the stage for a record ELEVEN declared emergencies throughout the year. Many Nebraskans experienced the worst day of their lives, with homes destroyed, families in peril, and futures uncertain. But in the darkest moments, the people of our state were at their best. Nebraskans helped Nebraskans, and the strength and resilience of our people shone through. One of the greatest privileges of the work as your Governor is to get to know firsthand the men and women who have answered the call to be the first to respond when crisis strikes. With us today is Chris Potter, the chief of the Kennard Volunteer Fire Department from Washington County, whose fire and EMS responders were there for their community moments after a deadly tornado tore through it. Please join me in welcoming him as a representative of all of our first responders across Nebraska. Also with us is the entire Nebraska Emergency Management Agency team. These dedicated professionals are the hub of the wheel of our state's emergency response system. When the call comes in the middle of the night, they are the ones making it. Their work is often unseen and unknown to many Nebraskans, but that in no way diminishes the dedication of their work or the pride with which they do it. Join me in welcoming the NEMA team, honoring them, and thanking them.

Many important issues will consume our focus throughout this legislative session. I pledge to you that we will be your partner through it all. Thank you for your service to our state, and thank you to your families. God bless you and God bless the State of Nebraska.

The committee escorted Governor Pillen from the Chamber.

BILLS ON FIRST READING

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

LEGISLATIVE BILL 259. Introduced by Lippincott, 34; Andersen, 49; Ballard, 21; Clements, 2; DeKay, 40; Hallstrom, 1; Hansen, 16; Hardin, 48; Holdcroft, 36; Lonowski, 33; McKeon, 41; Meyer, 17; Moser, 22; Murman, 38; Sanders, 45; Sorrentino, 39.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to the Constitution of the United States; to adopt the Faithful Delegate to Federal Article V Convention Act.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 260. Introduced by Speaker Arch, 14; at the request of the Governor.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to appropriations; to amend section 90-562, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; Laws 2023, LB814, section 150; Laws 2024, LB1329A, section 6; and Laws 2024, LB1412, sections 53 and 69; to define terms; to provide, change, and eliminate appropriations for operation of state government; to change a transfer of funds; to repeal the original sections; and to declare an emergency.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 261. Introduced by Speaker Arch, 14; at the request of the Governor.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to appropriations; to state intent; to define terms; to make appropriations for the expenses of Nebraska State Government for the biennium ending June 30, 2027; to appropriate funds allocated to the State of Nebraska from the federal Coronavirus State Fiscal Recovery Fund pursuant to the federal American Rescue Plan Act of 2021, 42 U.S.C. 802, as amended; to appropriate funds for capital construction and property acquisition as prescribed; to require program statements and a request for funding; to transfer funds; to provide duties; to provide an operative date; and to declare an emergency.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 262. Introduced by Speaker Arch, 14; at the request of the Governor.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to appropriations; to appropriate funds for the payment of salaries of members of the Nebraska Legislature and payments to be made as provided by Chapter 68, article 6, for FY2025-26 and FY2026-27; to provide an operative date; and to declare an emergency.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 263. Introduced by Speaker Arch, 14; at the request of the Governor.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to appropriations; to appropriate funds for the payment of the salaries and benefits of certain state officers for FY2025-26 and FY2026-27; to define terms; to provide an operative date; and to declare an emergency.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 264. Introduced by Speaker Arch, 14; at the request of the Governor.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to government; to amend sections 43-2607, 48-3405, 50-501, 57-1411, 72-2401, 76-3219, 77-2911, 77-4310.03, 79-810, 79-1021, 79-1064, 79-1104.02, 79-2510, 79-3501, 81-302, 81-407, 81-1210.04, 81-1211, 81-1213.02, 81-1216, 81-1230, 81-12,176, 81-12,177, 81-12,178, 81-12,182, 81-12,185, 81-12,187, 81-12,193, 81-12,243, 81-12,245, 81-15,168, 81-15,174, 81-15,175, 82-139, 84-612, 85-1643, 85-1654, 85-1920, 85-2009, 86-324, 86-333, 86-1028, and 86-1403, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, and sections 8-604, 13-3315, 29-1823, 37-1804, 48-621, 55-901, 60-3,201.01, 60-1505, 60-1513, 61-218, 61-305, 61-405, 66-2308, 68-911, 68-996, 71-5328, 72-1001, 75-109.01, 75-1101, 77-4025, 77-6919, 77-6928, and 77-7304, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024; to provide for, change, and eliminate provisions relating to investment and transfers of funds; to change provisions of the Nebraska Environmental Trust Act and the Nebraska Transformational Projects Act; to provide for termination of applicability of the Urban Redevelopment Act; to eliminate provisions relating to translation services under the Medical Assistance Act, a pilot program regarding patients with complex health needs, and reimbursement of counties for defendants lodged in county jails; to eliminate the Nebraska Broadband Bridge Act, the Nebraska Geologic Storage of Carbon Dioxide Act, the Nebraska Nonprofit Security Grant Program Act, the Prescription Drug Donation Program Act, the Resilient Soils and Water Quality Act, and the Small Business Assistance Act; to eliminate obsolete provisions; to provide operative dates; to repeal the original sections; to outright repeal sections 2-405, 2-406, 2-407, 2-408, 2-409, 2-410, 57-1601, 57-1602, 57-1603, 57-1604, 57-1605, 57-1606, 57-1607, 57-1608, 57-1609, 57-1610, 57-1611, 57-1612, 57-1613, 57-1614, 57-1615, 57-1616, 57-1617, 57-1618, 57-1619, 57-1620, 57-1621, 57-1622, 57-1623, 57-1624, 68-1010, 71-2496, 71-2497, 71-2498, 71-2499, 71-24,100, 71-24,101, 71-24,102, 81-829.06, 81-829.07, 81-829.08, 81-829.09, 81-829.10, 81-829.11, 81-12,232, 81-12,233, 81-12,234, 81-12,235, 81-12,236, 81-12,237, 81-12,244, 84-622, 86-1301, 86-1302, 86-1303, 86-1304, 86-1305, 86-1306, 86-1307, 86-1308, 86-1309, 86-1310, 86-1311, 86-1312, and 86-1313, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; and to declare an emergency.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 265. Introduced by Sorrentino, 39.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to labor; to amend sections 48-602, 48-648, 48-649.01, 48-657, 48-3405, 81-407, and 81-1201.21, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, and sections 48-622.01, 48-622.02, and 48-649.03, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024; to eliminate certain funds and change certain references to funds; to change provisions relating to the state unemployment insurance tax rate and the Workforce Development Program Cash Fund; to eliminate the Nebraska Worker Training Board; to harmonize provisions; to provide an operative date; to repeal the original

sections; to outright repeal section 48-622.03, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; and to declare an emergency.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 266. Introduced by Dover, 19.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to local governments; to prohibit ordinances which have the effect of imposing rent controls on private property; to define terms; to provide limits on such ordinances; and to provide applicability.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 267. Introduced by Rountree, 3.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to the Uniform Residential Landlord and Tenant Act; to amend section 76-1401, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024; to provide for removal of a cotenant or occupant who has committed an act of domestic violence from a rental agreement; to provide powers and duties for landlords; to provide for court costs and attorney's fees; to require a landlord to change locks in cases of domestic violence as prescribed; to harmonize provisions; and to repeal the original section.

NOTICE OF COMMITTEE HEARING(S)

Judiciary
Room 1525 1:30 PM

Wednesday, January 22, 2025
LB5 (cancel)

Judiciary
Room 1525 1:30 PM

Wednesday, January 22, 2025
LB133

(Signed) Carolyn Bosn, Chairperson

Natural Resources
Room 1023 1:30 PM

Wednesday, January 22, 2025
LB20
LB35
LB43

(Signed) Tom Brandt, Chairperson

BILLS ON FIRST READING

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

LEGISLATIVE BILL 268. Introduced by Rountree, 3.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to the Medical Assistance Act; to amend section 68-901, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024; to require the Department of Health and Human Services to implement a provider rate increase as prescribed; to harmonize provisions; to repeal the original section; and to declare an emergency.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 269. Introduced by Rountree, 3.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to revenue and taxation; to amend section 77-27,143, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; to mandate an address-based boundary database for assigning taxing jurisdictions; to harmonize provisions; to provide an operative date; and to repeal the original section.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 270. Introduced by Rountree, 3.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to revenue and taxation; to amend section 77-2711, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024; to provide for an audit by the Auditor of Public Accounts for suspected tax reporting irregularities or discrepancies; to create an exception to the disclosure of confidential tax information by municipalities; and to repeal the original section.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 271. Introduced by Storer, 43; Bosn, 25; Hallstrom, 1.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to crimes and offenses; to amend section 28-101, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024; to prohibit interference with railroad infrastructure, equipment, and personnel as prescribed; to define terms; to harmonize provisions; and to repeal the original section.

NOTICE OF COMMITTEE HEARING(S)

Revenue
Room 1524 1:30 PM

Wednesday, January 22, 2025

LB194

LB78

LB8

(Signed) R. Brad von Gillern, Chairperson

BILLS ON FIRST READING

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

LEGISLATIVE BILL 272. Introduced by Dungan, 26.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to revenue and taxation; to amend section 77-3506, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024; to change provisions relating to homestead exemptions for certain disabled veterans and surviving spouses as prescribed; and to repeal the original section.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 273. Introduced by Hunt, 8.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to decedents' estates; to amend section 30-3417, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; to change powers and duties relating to attorneys in fact; and to repeal the original section.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 274. Introduced by Hunt, 8.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to child care licensing; to amend section 71-1913, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, and sections 71-1911.03 and 71-1912, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024; to change liability insurance coverage requirements for applicants under the Child Care Licensing Act; to provide for inspections and investigations as prescribed; and to repeal the original sections.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 275. Introduced by Hunt, 8.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to state wards; to amend section 43-907, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024; to require the Department of Health and Human Services to screen children under its charge for social security benefit eligibility; to require the department to manage social security benefit payments for child beneficiaries as prescribed; and to repeal the original section.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 276. Introduced by McKinney, 11.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to law enforcement; to amend sections 29-411, 81-1414.15, and 81-1414.19, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; to adopt the Municipal Police Oversight Act; to require city and county attorneys and the Attorney General to maintain public Brady and Giglio lists; to prohibit no-knock search and arrest warrants; to define a term; to change provisions relating to law enforcement officer records; to harmonize provisions; to provide a duty for the Revisor of Statutes; to repeal the original sections; and to declare an emergency.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 277. Introduced by McKinney, 11.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to grand juries; to amend section 29-1401, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; to require appointment of a special prosecutor in cases involving a death during apprehension by, or in the custody of, law enforcement; to require appointment of investigators as prescribed; to require that a law enforcement officer or detention personnel involved in the death not return to duty until grand jury proceedings are complete; to harmonize provisions; and to repeal the original section.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 278. Introduced by von Gillern, 4.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to insurance; to amend section 44-4109.01, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; to change requirements for certain insurance policies and contracts; and to repeal the original section.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 279. Introduced by von Gillern, 4.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to the Motor Vehicle Registration Act; to amend section 60-399, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, and section 60-3,100, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024; to provide for only one license plate to be required to be displayed on a motor vehicle; and to repeal the original sections.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 280. Introduced by von Gillern, 4.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to gaming; to amend sections 9-1202, 9-1205, 9-1206, and 9-1207, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, and sections 2-1202 and 9-1107, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024; to change the authorized uses of the Racing and Gaming Commission's Racetrack Gaming Fund; to require an authorized gaming operator to have an annual audit as prescribed; to require reports; to provide powers and duties for the Auditor of Public Accounts to review the audit report of an authorized gaming operator and examine the books, records, funds, and accounts of authorized gaming operators as prescribed; and to repeal the original sections.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 281. Introduced by Quick, 35.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to nursing; to amend sections 38-204, 38-605, 38-703, 38-904, 38-2213, 38-2214, and 38-2306, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, and sections 38-167 and 38-2216, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024; to eliminate and rename certain boards as prescribed; to change requirements and qualifications for members of the Board of Nursing; to eliminate qualifications and duties for the Board of Advanced Practice Registered Nurses; to eliminate obsolete provisions; to harmonize provisions; to provide an operative date; to repeal the original sections; and to outright repeal sections 38-205, 38-206, and 38-2307, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 282. Introduced by Prokop, 27.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to education; to allow a teacher employed at an approved or accredited public, private, denominational, or parochial school in this state to receive reimbursement for school supplies paid for by such teacher as prescribed; to provide powers and duties to the State Board of Education and the State Department of Education; and to declare an emergency.

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

Wednesday, January 22, 2025

LB126

LB135

LB58

Government, Military and Veterans Affairs
Room 1507 1:30 PM

Friday, January 24, 2025

Daryl Bohac - Nebraska State Historical Society

Lee Will - Department of Administrative Services

Michael R Gloor - Nebraska Accountability and Disclosure Commission

Kevin Workman - State Personnel Board

(Signed) Rita Sanders, Chairperson

BILLS ON FIRST READING

LEGISLATIVE BILL 283. Introduced by Spivey, 13; Cavanaugh, M., 6; Guereca, 7.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to the Medical Assistance Act; to amend section 68-901, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024; to require the Department of Health and Human Services to file state plan amendments as prescribed; and to repeal the original section.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 284. Introduced by Guereca, 7.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to appropriations; to appropriate funds to the Department of Health and Human Services; and to declare an emergency.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 285. Introduced by Lonowski, 33; Andersen, 49; McKeon, 41.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to electronic nicotine delivery systems; to amend sections 28-1418.01, 28-1425, 28-1429, 59-1523, and 77-4001, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024; to prohibit the sale or certification under the Tobacco Products Tax Act of flavored vapor products; to define terms; to provide a penalty; to harmonize provisions; and to repeal the original sections.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 286. Introduced by Urban Affairs Committee: McKinney, 11, Chairperson; Cavanaugh, J., 9; Clouse, 37; Quick, 35; Rountree, 3; Sorrentino, 39.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to economic development; to amend sections 81-12,110 and 81-12,208, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; to provide an application deadline under the Nebraska Innovation Hub Act; to change an application deadline under the Nebraska Rural Projects Act; and to repeal the original sections.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 287. Introduced by Urban Affairs Committee: McKinney, 11, Chairperson; Cavanaugh, J., 9; Clouse, 37; Quick, 35; Rountree, 3; Sorrentino, 39.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to the Nebraska Housing Agency Act; to amend section 71-1572, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024; to provide duties for certain housing agencies relating to bed bugs; to harmonize provisions; and to repeal the original section.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 288. Introduced by Urban Affairs Committee: McKinney, 11, Chairperson; Cavanaugh, J., 9; Clouse, 37; Quick, 35; Rountree, 3; Sorrentino, 39.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to the Middle Income Workforce Housing Investment Act; to amend sections 81-1237 and 81-1238, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; to redefine terms; to change provisions relating to grant funding considerations; and to repeal the original sections.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 289. Introduced by Urban Affairs Committee: McKinney, 11, Chairperson; Cavanaugh, J., 9; Clouse, 37; Quick, 35; Rountree, 3; Sorrentino, 39.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to cities and villages; to amend sections 17-201, 17-202, and 19-911, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, and section 18-2709, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024; to change provisions relating to the incorporation of a village and the number, election, and term of members on a village board of trustees; to provide a procedure for changing the number of members on a village board of trustees; to allow certain city councils to constitute a board of adjustment; to redefine qualifying business under the Local Option Municipal Economic Development Act; and to repeal the original sections.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 290. Introduced by Urban Affairs Committee: McKinney, 11, Chairperson; Cavanaugh, J., 9; Clouse, 37; Quick, 35; Rountree, 3; Sorrentino, 39.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to the Economic Recovery Act; to amend section 81-12,241, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; to change provisions relating to grant funding for a business park; and to repeal the original section.

MOTION(S) - Print in Journal

Senator Conrad filed the following motions to LB258:

MO7

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

MO8

Recommit to the Business and Labor Committee.

MO9

Bracket until June 9, 2025.

BILLS ON FIRST READING

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

LEGISLATIVE BILL 291. Introduced by Urban Affairs Committee: McKinney, 11, Chairperson; Cavanaugh, J., 9; Clouse, 37; Quick, 35; Rountree, 3; Sorrentino, 39.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to municipalities; to amend section 13-522, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, and section 13-518, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024; to adopt the Aid to Municipalities Act; to create a fund; to change provisions relating to budget limitations; to provide a duty for the Revisor of Statutes; and to repeal the original sections.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 292. Introduced by Urban Affairs Committee: McKinney, 11, Chairperson; Cavanaugh, J., 9; Clouse, 37; Quick, 35; Rountree, 3; Sorrentino, 39.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to prefabricated housing; to amend section 81-1239, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; to provide for a grant to study prefabricated housing; to provide for funding; and to repeal the original section.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 293. Introduced by Ballard, 21.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to the Professional Employer Organization Registration Act; to amend section 48-2708, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, and section 48-2706, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024; to change provisions relating to health benefit plans and employee welfare benefit plans; and to repeal the original sections.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 294. Introduced by Storer, 43; Brandt, 32; DeKay, 40; Ibach, 44; Jacobson, 42; Lonowski, 33; McKeon, 41; Strommen, 47.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to the County Visitors Improvement Fund; to amend section 81-3720, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; to change

provisions relating to grants; to repeal the original section; and to declare an emergency.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 295. Introduced by Nebraska Retirement Systems Committee: Ballard, 21, Chairperson; Clements, 2; Hardin, 48; Juarez, 5; Sorrentino, 39.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to relating to retirement; to amend sections 23-2320, 42-1102, 79-902, 79-904.01, 79-915, 79-956, 79-978, 79-9,103, 79-9,106, 79-9,117, 79-9,118, 81-2014, 81-2016, 81-2017, 84-1301, 84-1307, 84-1322, 84-1502, 84-1504, and 84-1511, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, and sections 23-2301, 23-2306, 24-701, and 24-703.01, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024; to redefine terms and change provisions relating to termination, documents used to demonstrate United States citizenship or lawful presence in the United States, repayment of gross distributions or benefits, cost-of-living adjustments, deadlines for filing forms relating to survivorship annuities, and employee leave for preretirement planning programs under the County Employees Retirement Act, the Judges Retirement Act, the School Employees Retirement Act, the Class V School Employees Retirement Act, the Nebraska State Patrol Retirement Act, and the State Employees Retirement Act; to change a definition in the Spousal Pension Rights Act; to restate legislative intent under the Nebraska State Patrol Retirement Act; to change provisions relating to calling meetings of the Public Employees Retirement Board and paying per diems and expenses for members of the Public Employees Retirement Board; to change provisions relating to demonstrating United States citizenship or lawful presence in the United States for participation in a deferred compensation plan; to harmonize provisions; and to repeal the original sections.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 296. Introduced by Arch, 14.

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.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 297. Introduced by Ibach, 44.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to the Employment Security Law; to amend section 48-649.03, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024; to change provisions relating to the combined tax rate; to repeal the original section; and to declare an emergency.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 298. Introduced by Arch, 14; Clements, 2; Hansen, 16; Holdcroft, 36; Jacobson, 42; Riepe, 12.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to the Legislature; to amend sections 28-711, 43-4302, 43-4303, 43-4317, 43-4320, 43-4321, 43-4322, 43-4324, 43-4326, 43-4329, 43-4330, 47-901, 47-902, 47-903, 47-904, 47-905, 47-907, 47-908, 47-909, 47-910, 47-911, 47-912, 47-913, 47-914, 47-915, 47-916, 47-917, 47-918, 47-919, 47-920, 50-406, 50-406.01, 50-407, 50-408, 50-409, 50-410, 50-416, 50-418, 50-420, 50-1201, 50-1202, 50-1203, 50-1204, 50-1205, 50-1205.01, 50-1206, 50-1210, 50-1211, 50-1212, 50-1303, 50-1304, 73-401, 81-8,240, 81-8,241, 81-8,242, 81-8,243, 81-8,244, 81-8,245, 81-8,246, 81-8,247, 81-8,248, 81-8,249, 81-8,250, 81-8,251, 81-8,252, 81-8,253, 81-8,254, 81-1114, 83-178, 83-1,125.01, 84-304, 84-311, 84-322, and 84-910, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, and sections 28-712.01, 29-2011.02, 29-2011.03, 43-2,108, 43-4301, 43-4318, 43-4323, 43-4325, 43-4327, 43-4328, 43-4331, 43-4332, 50-401.01, 50-402, 77-2711, and 77-27,119, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024; to name the Office of Public Counsel Act; to change provisions relating to the Public Counsel; to provide for confidentiality of certain information; to provide for subpoenas; to state legislative intent; to provide for the Division of Legislative Oversight, the Director of Legislative Oversight, and the Legislative Oversight Committee; to change the Office of Inspector General of Nebraska Child Welfare Act and the Office of Inspector General of the Nebraska Correctional System Act as prescribed; to transfer provisions; to provide penalties; to change provisions relating to the Legislative Council, the Legislative Research Office, the Legislative Fiscal Office, and the Legislative Audit Office; to change the Legislative Performance Audit Act as prescribed; to eliminate the Legislative Performance Audit Committee; to harmonize provisions; to provide a duty for the Revisor of Statutes; to repeal the original sections; to outright repeal sections 43-4304, 43-4304.01, 43-4304.02, 43-4305, 43-4306, 43-4306.01, 43-4307, 43-4307.01, 43-4308, 43-4309, 43-4310, 43-4311, 43-4312, 43-4313, 43-4314, 43-4315, 43-4316, 43-4319, 47-906, and 50-421, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; and to declare an emergency.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 299. Introduced by Ibach, 44; Juarez, 5.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to immigration; to amend sections 4-109, 4-110, 4-113, 48-628.04, 79-915, 79-9,118, 81-2016, 84-1307, and 84-1504, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, and sections 4-108, 4-111, 4-112, 23-2306, and 24-703.01, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024; to define terms; to authorize eligible aliens and dependents to receive public benefits arising from or relating to employment; to allow such persons to participate in certain retirement programs; to change provisions relating to certain documentation; to eliminate obsolete provisions; to harmonize provisions; and to repeal the original sections.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 300. Introduced by Murman, 38; Ballard, 21; Clements, 2; Conrad, 46; Dorn, 30; Holdcroft, 36; Hunt, 8; Jacobson, 42; Lippincott, 34; Lonowski, 33; Sanders, 45.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to schools; to amend sections 79-566, 79-567, 79-594, 79-1219, 79-2401, and 79-2402, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; to change provisions relating to the Superintendent Pay Transparency Act; to change provisions relating to and provide a limit for superintendent and educational service unit administrator compensation; to define terms; to harmonize provisions; and to repeal the original sections.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 301. Introduced by Ibach, 44; Juarez, 5.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to immigration; to amend sections 4-109, 4-110, 4-113, 48-628.04, 79-915, 79-9,118, 81-1401, 81-1410, 81-2016, 84-1307, and 84-1504, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, and sections 4-108, 4-111, 4-112, 23-2306, and 24-703.01, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024; to define terms; to allow eligible aliens to receive law enforcement officer training and certification; to authorize such eligible aliens and dependents to receive public benefits arising from or relating to employment as a law enforcement officer; to allow such persons to participate in retirement programs for such law enforcement positions; to change provisions relating to certain documentation; to eliminate obsolete provisions; to harmonize provisions; and to repeal the original sections.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 302. Introduced by Murman, 38; Ballard, 21; Conrad, 46; Hunt, 8; Lippincott, 34; Lonowski, 33; Rountree, 3; Sanders, 45.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to time; to amend sections 49-1301, 49-1302, 81-1323, and 81-1328, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, and section 32-908, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024; to eliminate daylight saving time; to harmonize provisions; and to repeal the original sections.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 303. Introduced by Hughes, 24; at the request of the Governor; Brandt, 32; Dorn, 30.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to education; to amend sections 79-1001, 79-1006, 79-1022, 79-1022.02, 79-1023, 79-1027, and 79-1031.01, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, and section 77-3442, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024; to change school district levy authority; to change provisions relating to foundation aid and certain certification dates and provide for a base levy adjustment under the Tax Equity and Educational Opportunities Support Act; to create the School Finance Reform Commission; to harmonize provisions; to repeal the original sections; and to declare an emergency.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 304. Introduced by DeBoer, 10; Cavanaugh, J., 9; Clouse, 37; Dungan, 26; Fredrickson, 20; Hallstrom, 1; Quick, 35; Spivey, 13; Strommen, 47.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to the federal Child Care Subsidy program; to amend sections 68-1206 and 68-1724, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024; to eliminate a sunset date; and to repeal the original sections.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 305. Introduced by Ibach, 44.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to revenue and taxation; to amend section 77-2715.07, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024; to adopt the Preceptorship Tax Credit Act; to harmonize provisions; and to repeal the original section.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 306. Introduced by Education Committee: Murman, 38, Chairperson; Conrad, 46; Hunt, 8; Juarez, 5; Lonowski, 33; Sanders, 45.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to postsecondary education; to amend sections 85-304, 85-1402, 85-3003, 85-3004, 85-3006, and 85-3202, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, and section 13-518, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024; to redefine a term relating to budget limitation for community colleges; to change provisions relating to the powers and duties of the Board of Trustees of the Nebraska State Colleges; to redefine terms under the Coordinating Commission for Postsecondary Education Act; to change provisions relating to scholarships to a state college, private college, or the University of Nebraska under the Nebraska Career Scholarship Act; to redefine terms under the Door to College Scholarship Act; to harmonize provisions; and to repeal the original sections.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 307. Introduced by Ibach, 44.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to appropriations; to appropriate funds for certain tuition waivers; and to declare an emergency.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 308. Introduced by Ibach, 44.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to health care; to amend section 81-401, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; to adopt the Health Care Staffing Agency Registration Act; to provide an operative date; and to repeal the original section.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 309. Introduced by Hughes, 24.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to batteries; to adopt the Safe Battery Collection and Recycling Act; to provide penalties; and to create a fund.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 310. Introduced by Hansen, 16.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to public health and welfare; to amend section 71-519, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024; to provide an exemption from newborn screening as prescribed; and to repeal the original section.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 311. Introduced by DeBoer, 10.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to the Nebraska Telecommunications Regulation Act; to amend sections 86-111.01 and 86-124, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; to redefine a term; to change provisions relating to nonregulated activities; and to repeal the original sections.

RESOLUTION(S)

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 14. Introduced by Lippincott, 34; Andersen, 49; Ballard, 21; Clements, 2; DeKay, 40; Hallstrom, 1; Hansen, 16; Hardin, 48; Holderoft, 36; Lonowski, 33; McKeon, 41; Meyer, 17; Moser, 22; Murman, 38; Sanders, 45; Sorrentino, 39.

WHEREAS, the Founders of the Constitution of the United States empowered state legislators to be guardians of liberty against future abuses of power by the federal government; and

WHEREAS, the federal government has created a crushing national debt through improper and imprudent spending; and

WHEREAS, the federal government has invaded the legitimate roles of the states through the manipulative process of federal mandates, most of which are unfunded to a great extent; and

WHEREAS, the federal government has ceased to live under a proper interpretation of the Constitution of the United States; and

WHEREAS, it is the solemn duty of the states to protect the liberty of our people, particularly for the generations to come, to propose amendments to the Constitution of the United States through a convention of states under Article V to place clear restraints on these and related abuses of power; and

WHEREAS, in 2022 the One Hundred Seventh Legislature, Second Session, adopted Legislative Resolution 14 which contained an application for an Article V Convention to propose constitutional amendments identical to those proposed in this resolution, but provided that the application would be rescinded on February 1, 2027, five years after the passage of Legislative Resolution 14.

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

1. That the Legislature hereby applies to Congress, under the provisions of Article V of the Constitution of the United States, for the calling of a convention of states limited to proposing amendments to the Constitution that impose fiscal restraints on the federal government, limit the power and jurisdiction of the federal government, and limit the terms of office for its officials and members of Congress.

2. That the Legislature adopts this application with the following understandings, reservations, and declarations:

(a) An application to Congress for an Article V convention confers no power on Congress other than to perform a ministerial function to call for a convention;

(b) Such ministerial duty shall be performed by Congress only when Article V applications for substantially the same purpose are received from two-thirds of the legislatures of the several states;

(c) The power of Congress to call a convention solely consists of the authority to name a reasonable time and place for the initial meeting of the convention;

(d) Congress possesses no power whatsoever to name delegates to the convention, as this power remains exclusively within the authority of the legislatures of the several states;

(e) Congress possesses no power to set the number of delegates to be sent by any of the states;

(f) Congress possesses no power whatsoever to determine any rules for such convention;

(g) By definition, a convention of states means that states vote on the basis of one state, one vote;

(h) A convention of states convened pursuant to this application is limited to consideration of topics specified in this resolution and no other;

(i) The Legislature may recall its delegates at any time for breach of their duties or violations of their instructions pursuant to the procedures adopted in this resolution;

(j) Pursuant to the text of Article V, Congress may determine whether proposed amendments shall be ratified by the legislatures of the several states or by special state ratification conventions. The Legislature recommends that Congress specify its choice on ratification methodology contemporaneously with the call for the convention;

(k) Congress possesses no power whatsoever with regard to the Article V convention beyond the two powers acknowledged in this resolution; and

(l) Nebraska places express reliance on prior legal and judicial determinations that Congress possesses no power under Article I of the Constitution relative to the Article V process, and that Congress must act only as expressly specified in Article V.

3. That this application hereby repeals, rescinds, cancels, renders null and void, and supersedes the application to the Congress for a convention under Article V of the Constitution of the United States by this state in Legislative Resolution 14 as adopted by the One Hundred Seventh Legislature of Nebraska, Second Session, in 2022.

4. That the Clerk of the Legislature shall transmit copies of this resolution to the President and Secretary of the United States Senate, the Speaker and Clerk of the United States House of Representatives, each member of the Nebraska Congressional delegation, and the presiding officers of each of the legislative houses in the several states requesting their cooperation.

5. This application constitutes a continuing application in accordance with Article V of the Constitution of the United States until the legislatures of at least two-thirds of the several states have made applications to Congress for an Article V convention on the same subject.

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 15CA. Introduced by McKinney, 11.

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

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

To amend Article I, sections 9 and 23:

I-9 (1) All persons shall be bailable by sufficient sureties, except for treason, sexual offenses involving penetration by force or against the will of the victim, and murder, where the proof is evident or the presumption great.

(2) Excessive bail shall not be required, nor excessive fines imposed, nor cruel and unusual punishment inflicted.

(3) The death penalty shall not be imposed for any offense. For any individual under a sentence of death, whether before, on, or after the adoption of this amendment, such sentence is commuted to a sentence of life imprisonment.

~~I-23 In all capital cases, appeal directly to the Supreme Court shall be as a matter of right and shall operate as a supersedeas to stay the execution of the sentence of death until further order of the Supreme Court. In all other cases, criminal or civil, an aggrieved party shall be entitled to one appeal to the appellate court created pursuant to Article V, section 1, of this Constitution or to the Supreme Court as may be provided by law.~~

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

A constitutional amendment to eliminate the death penalty and commute any existing sentence of death to a sentence of life imprisonment.

For

Against.

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 16CA. Introduced by Urban Affairs Committee: McKinney, 11, Chairperson; Cavanaugh, J., 9; Clouse, 37; Quick, 35; Rountree, 3; Sorrentino, 39.

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

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

To amend Article III, section 22:

III-22 (1) Each Legislature shall make appropriations for the expenses of the Government. And whenever it is deemed necessary to make further appropriations for deficiencies, the same shall require a two-thirds vote of all the members elected to the Legislature.

(2) Bills making appropriations for the pay of members and officers of the Legislature, and for the salaries of the officers of the Government, shall contain no provision on any other subject.

(3) The Legislature shall not impose responsibility for a program created after the year 2026 or an increased level of service required under an existing program after the year 2026 on any political subdivision of the state unless the political subdivision is fully reimbursed by the state for the cost of such program or increase in level of service. Reimbursement by the state shall be in the form of a specific appropriation or an increase in state distribution of revenue to such political subdivision.

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

A constitutional amendment to require the state to reimburse political subdivisions for responsibilities imposed by the Legislature after the year 2026 or for increased levels of service required by the Legislature after the year 2026.

For

Against.

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 17. Introduced by Quick, 35.

WHEREAS, the city of Grand Island currently owns Camp Augustine, a 156-acre campground formerly owned and operated by the Boy Scouts of America and located adjacent to Mormon Island State Recreation Area; and

WHEREAS, the Game and Parks Commission has indicated an interest in a potential partnership with the city of Grand Island to incorporate Camp Augustine into the state park system to be managed in conjunction with or as part of Mormon Island State Recreation Area; and

WHEREAS, before the Game and Parks Commission may provide a local governmental subdivision with an indication of intent to incorporate any land or facilities owned or developed by such subdivision into the state park system, such indication of intent must first be approved by the Legislature; and

WHEREAS, the Game and Parks Commission will provide the Legislature with an estimated fiscal impact of the incorporation, including the extent to which the costs of the incorporation can reasonably be expected to be paid from cash funds and the extent to which the costs will likely be required to be paid from General Fund appropriations; and

WHEREAS, incorporating Camp Augustine into the state park system, either in conjunction with or as part of Mormon Island State Recreation Area, will create significant benefits for the Grand Island area and the people of Nebraska, including expanded hiking and biking trails, river access, and campgrounds and the ability to host local, regional, and statewide outdoor events.

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

1. That pursuant to section 37-342 the Legislature approves the indication of intent by the Game and Parks Commission to incorporate Camp Augustine into the state park system.

2. That such approval is granted with the understanding that the costs of such incorporation will need to be approved as part of the normal budgeting process of the Appropriations Committee of the Legislature.

Laid over.

AMENDMENTS(S) - Print in Journal

Senator Holdcroft filed the following amendments to LB213:

[FA2](#)

Strike Section 1.

[FA3](#)

Strike Section 2.

[FA4](#)

Strike Section 3.

[FA5](#)

Strike Section 1.

[FA6](#)

Strike Section 2.

[FA7](#)

Strike Section 3.

MOTION(S) - Print in Journal

Senator Holdcroft filed the following motions to LB213:

[MO10](#)

Bracket until June 10, 2025.

[MO11](#)

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

[MO12](#)

Recommit to the Education Committee.

[MO13](#)

Bracket until June 10, 2025.

[MO14](#)

Recommit to the Education Committee.

[MO15](#)

Indefinitely postpone.

UNANIMOUS CONSENT - Add Cointroducer(s)

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

Senator Dover name added to LB12.
Senator Fredrickson name added to LB28.
Senator Conrad name added to LB37.
Senator Wordekemper name added to LB62.
Senator Conrad name added to LB65.
Senator Conrad name added to LB70.
Senator Conrad name added to LB71.
Senator Clouse name added to LB90.
Senator Raybould name added to LB130.
Senator Raybould name added to LB137.
Senator Raybould name added to LB141.
Senator Raybould name added to LB143.
Senator Raybould name added to LB151.
Senator Raybould name added to LB152.
Senator Raybould name added to LB156.
Senator Dover name added to LB156.
Senator Fredrickson name added to LB156.
Senator Fredrickson name added to LB157.
Senator Raybould name added to LB157.
Senator Raybould name added to LB163.
Senator Raybould name added to LB165.
Senator Raybould name added to LB166.
Senator Brandt name added to LB168.
Senator Conrad name added to LB171.
Senator Raybould name added to LB171.
Senator Raybould name added to LB173.
Senator Raybould name added to LB181.
Senator Raybould name added to LB186.
Senator Raybould name added to LB188.
Senator Raybould name added to LB192.
Senator Fredrickson name added to LB236.
Senator Conrad name added to LB237.
Senator Brandt name added to LB246.
Senator Dover name added to LB254.
Senator Conrad name added to LB255.

WITHDRAW - Cointroducer(s)

Senator Wordekemper name withdrawn from LB179.

VISITOR(S)

The Doctor of the Day was Dr. Dave Hoelting, Pender.

ADJOURNMENT

At 11:46 a.m., on a motion by Senator Juarez, the Legislature adjourned until 10:00 a.m., Thursday, January 16, 2025.

Brandon Metzler
Clerk of the Legislature