SECOND DAY - JANUARY 9, 2025

LEGISLATIVE JOURNAL

ONE HUNDRED NINTH LEGISLATURE FIRST SESSION

SECOND DAY

Legislative Chamber, Lincoln, Nebraska Thursday, January 9, 2025

PRAYER

The prayer was offered by Father Augustine Reimers, Blessed Sacrament, Lincoln.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was offered by Speaker Arch.

ROLL CALL

Pursuant to adjournment, the Legislature met at 10:00 a.m., President Kelly presiding.

The roll was called and all members were present except Senator Bostar who was excused until he arrives.

CORRECTIONS FOR THE JOURNAL

The Journal for the first day was approved.

PROPOSED RULE CHANGE(S)

Senator McKinney filed the following proposed rule change:

Proposed Rule Change 1

Rule 5. Sec. 4. Introducers Signing Bills.

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(d) <u>Individual</u> <u>Starting with the 2025 legislative session, individual</u> members shall <u>not</u> be limited to <u>the number of bills</u> no more than 20 bills introduced <u>each</u> at any one session. Each committee shall be limited to 10 bills <u>introduced</u> each session. Bills introduced as a result of an interim study of

the Legislative Council shall be included within the limitations prescribed by this section. Special committees created as a result of an interim study resolution and as authorized by the Executive Board shall be considered as separate committees for purposes of the limitations prescribed by this section. Bills introduced under Rule 5, Section 3(a), Rule 5, Section 4(c)(3), and bills introduced at the request of the Governor shall governor will not be included in the limitation.

MESSAGE(S) FROM THE GOVERNOR

May 22, 2024

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

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

Contingent upon your approval, the following individual is being appointed as a member of the Nebraska Natural Resources Commission:

Bradley Dunbar, 16131 Bedford Avenue, Omaha, NE 68116, Manufacturing

The aforementioned appointee is respectfully submitted for your consideration. Copies of the certificate and background information are included for your review.

Sincerely, (Signed) Jim Pillen Governor

Enclosures

August 22, 2024

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

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

Contingent upon your approval, the following individual is being appointed as a member of the Public Employees Retirement Board:

Patrick Bourne, 13020 Binney Street, Omaha, NE 68164, Public Member

The aforementioned appointee is respectfully submitted for your consideration. Copies of the certificate and background information are included for your review.

(Signed) Sincerely, Jim Pillen Governor

Enclosures

August 22, 2024

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

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

Contingent upon your approval, the following individual is being appointed as a member of the Nebraska Accountability and Disclosure Commission:

Michael R Gloor, 2120 Barbara Avenue, Grand Island, NE 68803, 3rd District-Republican

The aforementioned appointee is respectfully submitted for your consideration. Copies of the certificate and background information are included for your review.

(Signed) Sincerely, Jim Pillen Governor

Enclosures

August 26, 2024

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

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

Contingent upon your approval, the following individual is being appointed as a member of the State Personnel Board:

Kevin Workman, 2331 Sheffield Place, Lincoln, NE 68512, Personnel Administration-Republican

The aforementioned appointee is respectfully submitted for your consideration. Copies of the certificate and background information are included for your review.

Sincerely, (Signed) Jim Pillen Governor

Enclosures

August 28, 2024

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

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

Contingent upon your approval, the following individual is being reappointed as a member of the Nebraska Ethanol Board:

Randy L Gard, 3402 S Blaine Street, Grand Island, NE 68801, Petroleum Member - Republican

The aforementioned appointee is respectfully submitted for your consideration. Copies of the certificate and background information are included for your review.

Sincerely, (Signed) Jim Pillen Governor

Enclosures

August 28, 2024

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

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

Contingent upon your approval, the following individual is being reappointed as a member of the Nebraska Brand Committee:

Duane Gangwish, 43314 Road 757, Lexington, NE 68850-3702, Feeder

The aforementioned appointee is respectfully submitted for your consideration. Copies of the certificate and background information are included for your review.

(Signed) Sincerely, Jim Pillen Governor

Enclosures

August 28, 2024

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

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

Contingent upon your approval, the following individual is being appointed as a member of the State Board of Health:

Kimberly Stuhmer, 23037 N Z Road, Polk, NE 68654, Registered Nurse

The aforementioned appointee is respectfully submitted for your consideration. Copies of the certificate and background information are included for your review.

(Signed) Sincerely, Jim Pillen Governor

Enclosures

August 28, 2024

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

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

Contingent upon your approval, the following individuals are being reappointed as members of the State Board of Health:

Dr Brett Lindau, 941 S 1st Avenue, Broken Bow, NE 68822, Osteopathic Physician

J Paul, Cook, MD, 17241 Oak Drive, Omaha, NE 68130, Physician

The aforementioned appointees are respectfully submitted for your consideration. Copies of the certificate and background information are included for your review.

Sincerely, (Signed) Jim Pillen Governor

Enclosures

September 9, 2024

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

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

Contingent upon your approval, the following individuals are being appointed as members of the Commission for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing:

Mark Andersen, 336 S 112th St, Omaha, NE 68144, Deaf/Sign Language Kay Crabtree, 1627 Euclid Avenue, Lincoln, NE 68502-2616, Hard of Hearing

Richard McCowin, 7427 Wyoming St, Omaha, NE 68122, Deaf/Sign Language

Julie Ann Mruz, 5800 S 50th Street, Lincoln, NE 68516, Professional John Culver, 572 224th, Mildord, NE 68405, Hard of Hearing/Sign Language

The aforementioned appointees are respectfully submitted for your consideration. Copies of the certificate and background information are included for your review.

(Signed) Sincerely, Jim Pillen Governor

September 9, 2024

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

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

Contingent upon your approval, the following individual is being reappointed as a member of the Commission for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing:

Valerie Hitz, 3550 W Mill Road, Raymond, NE 68428, Deaf/Sign Language

The aforementioned appointee is respectfully submitted for your consideration. Copies of the certificate and background information are included for your review.

(Signed) Sincerely, Jim Pillen Governor

Enclosures

September 16, 2024

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

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

Contingent upon your approval, the following individuals are being appointed as members of the State Board of Health:

Staci Hubert, 23561 Prairie Ridge Rd, Gretna, NE 68028, Pharmacist Mark Bertch, 3535 N 152 Circle, Omaha, NE 68116, Physical Therapist Patricia Kucera, 6222 Ponderosa Dr, Omaha, NE 68137, Registered Nurse/Nurse Practitioner

The aforementioned appointees are respectfully submitted for your consideration. Copies of the certificate and background information are included for your review.

(Signed) Sincerely, Jim Pillen Governor

September 18, 2024

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

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

Contingent upon your approval, the following individuals are being appointed as members of the Nebraska Arts Council:

Julie J Jacobson, 3020 West Leota Street, North Platte, NE 69101, District 3 Clark Kolterman, 660 East Pinewood Avenue, Seward, NE 68434, District 1

The aforementioned appointees are respectfully submitted for your consideration. Copies of the certificate and background information are included for your review.

(Signed) Sincerely, Jim Pillen Governor

Enclosures

September 25, 2024

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

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

Contingent upon your approval, the following individuals are being reappointed as members of the Nebraska Arts Council:

Karen Harris, 913 W 4th, York, NE 68467, District 3 Jeanne Salerno, 909 Capitol Avenue #508, Omaha, NE 68102, District 2

The aforementioned appointees are respectfully submitted for your consideration. Copies of the certificate and background information are included for your review.

(Signed) Sincerely, Jim Pillen Governor

September 28, 2024

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

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

Contingent upon your approval, the following individual is being appointed as Director of the Nebraska Department of Administrative Services:

Lee Will, 14051 Woolworth Circle, Omaha, NE 68144

The aforementioned appointee is respectfully submitted for your consideration. Copies of the certificate and background information are included for your review.

Sincerely, (Signed) Jim Pillen Governor

Enclosures

October 7, 2024

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

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

Contingent upon your approval, the following individual is being appointed as a member of the State Electrical Board:

Nathan Michael Lon Francis, 2505 H Street, Fairbury, NE 68352, Municipal Systems Representative

The aforementioned appointee is respectfully submitted for your consideration. Copies of the certificate and background information are included for your review.

(Signed) Sincerely, Jim Pillen Governor

October 9, 2024

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

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

Contingent upon your approval, the following individual is being appointed as Director of the Nebraska Department of Health and Human Services – Division of Behavioral Health:

Thomas Janousek, PsyD, 301 Centennial Mall South, Lincoln, NE 68509-5026

The aforementioned appointee is respectfully submitted for your consideration. Copies of the certificate and background information are included for your review.

(Signed) Sincerely, Jim Pillen Governor

Enclosures

October 15, 2024

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

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

Contingent upon your approval, the following individuals are being appointed as members of the Underground Excavation Safety Committee:

Brandon Jones, 2115 Birchwood Road, North Platte, NE 69101, Excavator Robert Knapp, 1505 N 196th Street, Elkhorn, NE 68022, Excavator Aaron Krebs, 3701 Rainey Circle, Plattsmouth, NE 68048, Excavator Trevor Roth, 907 West 25th Street, York, NE 68467, Operator Josh Hohensee, 2801 MelRae Road, Ashland, NE 68003, Operator Edward Jarrett, 5733 Chatsworth Ln, Lincoln, NE 68516, Operator Jeffrey D Grady, 18411 Summit Drive, Omaha, NE 68136, Alternate Excavator

James Saville, 7802 S 184th Ter, Omaha, NE 68136, Alternate Operator

The aforementioned appointees are respectfully submitted for your consideration. Copies of the certificate and background information are included for your review.

(Signed) Sincerely, Jim Pillen Governor

Enclosures

October 23, 2024

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

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

Contingent upon your approval, the following individuals are being reappointed as members of the Crime Victim's Reparation Committee:

David Nelson, 19002 S 204th Street, Gretna, NE 68028, Crime Commission representative

Shawn Eatherton, 5515 Summit Road, Kearney, NE 68845, Crime Commission representative

The aforementioned appointees are respectfully submitted for your consideration. Copies of the certificate and background information are included for your review.

(Signed) Sincerely, Jim Pillen Governor

Enclosures

October 23, 2024

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

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

Contingent upon your approval, the following individual is being appointed as a member of the State Board of Health:

Dr Kenneth Tusha, 908 Clark Avenue, Creighton, NE 68729, Dentist

The aforementioned appointee is respectfully submitted for your consideration. Copies of the certificate and background information are included for your review.

(Signed) Sincerely, Jim Pillen Governor

Enclosures

October 29, 2024

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

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

Contingent upon your approval, the following individual is being appointed as a member of the Crime Victim's Reparation Commission:

Candice Batton, 10450 N 151 Street, Waverly, NE 68462, Crime Commission Member

The aforementioned appointee is respectfully submitted for your consideration. Copies of the certificate and background information are included for your review.

(Signed) Sincerely, Jim Pillen Governor

Enclosures

November 18, 2024

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

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

Contingent upon your approval, the following individual is being appointed as a member of the Nebraska Rural Health Advisory Commission:

Diva Wilson, MD, 12809 Cooper Street, Papillion, NE 68138, Creighton University Medical School representative

The aforementioned appointee is respectfully submitted for your consideration. Copies of the certificate and background information are included for your review.

(Signed) Sincerely, Jim Pillen Governor

Enclosures

November 18, 2024

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

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

Contingent upon your approval, the following individuals are being reappointed as members of the Nebraska Rural Health Advisory Commission:

Roger Wells, PA-C, 2405 Patriot Drive, Lexington, NE 68850, Physician Assistant
Rebecca Schroeder, PhD, PO Box 4, Curtis, NE 69025, Mental Health
Cherlyn Hunt, LNHA, MHA, QCP, CNA, 431 East Calkins Avenue, Elm
Creek, NE 68836, Rural Nursing Home Administration

Jeffrey D Harrison, MD, 3200 Farnam Ct – Apt 3206, Omaha, NE 68131, UNMC Representative

The aforementioned appointees are respectfully submitted for your consideration. Copies of the certificate and background information are included for your review.

(Signed) Sincerely, Jim Pillen Governor

Enclosures

November 21, 2024

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

Contingent upon your approval, the following individual is being appointed as Director of the Nebraska State Historical Society:

Daryl Bohac, 10011 N 152nd Street, Waverly, NE 68462

The aforementioned appointee is respectfully submitted for your consideration. Copies of the certificate and background information are included for your review.

Sincerely, Jim Pillen Governor

Enclosures

November 21, 2024

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

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

Contingent upon your approval, the following individual is being appointed as Director of the Nebraska Department of Health and Human Services – Division of Medicaid and Long-Term Care:

Drew Gonshorowski, 7708 Rockton Avenue, Chevy Chase, MD 20815

The aforementioned appointee is respectfully submitted for your consideration. Copies of the certificate and background information are included for your review.

(Signed) Sincerely, Jim Pillen Governor

Enclosures

November 21, 2024

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

Contingent upon your approval, the following individual is being appointed as a member of the Public Employees Retirement Board:

Jacob Curtiss, 11945 N 142nd Street, Waverly, NE 68462, School Administrator

The aforementioned appointee is respectfully submitted for your consideration. Copies of the certificate and background information are included for your review.

(Signed) Sincerely, Jim Pillen Governor

Enclosures

November 21, 2024

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

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

Contingent upon your approval, the following individual is being reappointed as a member of the State Electrical Board:

James S Brummer, 3104 Dover Dr, Norfolk, NE 68701, Public Power District

The aforementioned appointee is respectfully submitted for your consideration. Copies of the certificate and background information are included for your review.

Sincerely, (Signed) Jim Pillen Governor

Enclosures

December 4, 2024

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

Contingent upon your approval, the following individual is being appointed as a member of the Nebraska Game and Parks Commission:

Stephen D Mossman, 3128 Alden, Lincoln, NE 68502, District 8-Independent

The aforementioned appointee is respectfully submitted for your consideration. Copies of the certificate and background information are included for your review.

(Signed) Sincerely, Jim Pillen Governor

Enclosures

December 6, 2024

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

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

Contingent upon your approval, the following individual is being appointed as a member of the Board of Trustees of the Nebraska State Colleges:

Connie Edmond, 7417 S 48th Street, Lincoln, NE 68516, Member

The aforementioned appointee is respectfully submitted for your consideration. Copies of the certificate and background information are included for your review.

Sincerely,
(Signed) Jim Pillen
Governor

Enclosures

December 9, 2024

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

Contingent upon your approval, the following individual is being appointed as a member of the Nebraska Board of Parole, effective December 9, 2024:

Jeff Bucher, 17000 S 72nd, Hickman, NE 68372, Member

The aforementioned appointee is respectfully submitted for your consideration. Copies of the certificate and background information are included for your review.

(Signed) Sincerely, Jim Pillen Governor

Enclosures

December 11, 2024

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

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

Contingent upon your approval, the following individual is being appointed as a member of the Nebraska Natural Resources Commission:

Matt Smallcomb, 41747 Coal Chute Road, Gibbon, NE 68840, Municipal Representative

The aforementioned appointee is respectfully submitted for your consideration. Copies of the certificate and background information are included for your review.

(Signed) Sincerely, Jim Pillen Governor

Enclosures

December 12, 2024

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

Contingent upon your approval, the following individual is being appointed as a member of the Nebraska Investment Council:

Brian Christensen, 2309 Mahood Drive, Columbus, NE 68601, Member

The aforementioned appointee is respectfully submitted for your consideration. Copies of the certificate and background information are included for your review.

(Signed) Sincerely, Jim Pillen Governor

Enclosures

December 16, 2024

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

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

Contingent upon your approval, the following individual is being appointed as a member of the Health Information Technology Board:

Drew D Gonshorowski, 7708 Rockton Avenue, Chevy Chase, MD 20815, Member

The aforementioned appointee is respectfully submitted for your consideration. Copies of the certificate and background information are included for your review.

(Signed) Sincerely, Jim Pillen Governor

Enclosures

December 16, 2024

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

Contingent upon your approval, the following individual is being reappointed as a member of the Board of Trustees of the Nebraska State Colleges:

Robert Engles, 2308 McConnell Avenue, Auburn, NE 68305, Member

The aforementioned appointee is respectfully submitted for your consideration. Copies of the certificate and background information are included for your review.

(Signed) Sincerely, Jim Pillen Governor

Enclosures

December 19, 2024

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

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

Contingent upon your approval, the following individual is being reappointed as a member of the Nebraska State Fair Board:

Dawn Caldwell, 30660 Rd T, Edgar, NE 68935, Business Community-3rd District

The aforementioned appointee is respectfully submitted for your consideration. Copies of the certificate and background information are included for your review.

(Signed) Sincerely, Jim Pillen Governor

Enclosures

2024 INTERIM REPORT ON THE DISPOSITION OF INTERIM STUDY RESOLUTIONS

Agriculture

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LR	Subject	Completed	Completed	Deferred	Date			
		Report	No Report		Hearing			
		Issued	Issued		Held			
374	Examine the availability of		X					
	healthy and affordable food							

	choices in Nebraska				
	communities				
375	Examine methods to address production animal veterinary shortages in Nebraska		X		
398	Examine the development and use of messenger RNA vaccines in livestock			X	
	Review occupational regulations under the Nebraska Potato Development Act and the Plant Protection and Plant Pest Act for purposes of the Occupational Board Reform Act	X			
400	Examine issues within the jurisdiction of the Agriculture Committee		X		

Appropriations

LR	Subject	Completed	Completed	Deferred	Date
		Report	No Report		Hearing
		Issued	Issued		Held
361	Interim study to conduct a		X		Aug.
	review of the fees that fund				30,
	Nebraska's cash funds				2024
416	Interim study to examine		X		Dec.
	what funding options and				18,
	appropriations may be				2024
	necessary to improve the				
	return on investment of				
	housing incentives offered				
	by the State of Nebraska				
420	Interim study to examine the			X	
	budget needs of and funding				
	sources for regional				
	behavioral health authorities				
410	Interim study to examine the			X	
	long-term fiscal				
	sustainability of and how to				
	best direct funding and				
	appropriations towards				
	sustaining a strong health				
	care workforce				
388	Interim study to examine			X	
	what funding and				
	appropriations are necessary				

	to address the parking shortage for state employees and members of the public in the State Capitol Environments			
389	Interim study to examine issues within the jurisdiction of the Appropriations Committee		X	
336	Interim study to examine the method of funding for court interpreters and determine a stable and permanent funding arrangement		X	

Banking, Commerce and Insurance

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		Report	No Report		Hearing
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358	Interim study to examine the		X		n/a
	causes of increasing				
	commercial insurance				
	premiums and the impacts on				
	Nebraska businesses				
370	Interim study to examine the		X		n/a
	rise of retailers moving to				
	digital-only transactions				
379	Interim study to examine the		X		n/a
	role of health insurance for				
	biomarker testing and the				
	use of biomarker testing in				
	public and private payor				
	markets				
430	Interim study to examine the		X		n/a
	impact of artificial				
	intelligence on Nebraska's				
	private and public sectors,				
	including the technology and				
	insurance sectors				
431	Interim study to examine the		X		n/a
	roles of various entities in				
	the pharmaceutical supply				
	chain				
432	Interim study to examine the		X		n/a
	impact of digital asset data				
	mining on Nebraska public				
	power districts, electric				
	ratepayers, and communities				

Business and Labor

LR	Subject	Completed	Completed	Deferred	Date
		Report	No Report		Hearing
		Issued	Issued		Held
354	Assessing state-led			X	NA
	programs pertaining to the				
	Nebraska workforce				
444	Examining the oversight of			X	NA
	staffing agencies, including				
	health care staffing agencies,				
	in Nebraska				

Education

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	address hunger and basic			
	needs insecurity of Nebraska			
	college students			
341	Interim study to determine	YES		11/01/24
	the scope and use by school			
	districts of a ban and bar			
	action, banning and barring			
	individuals from school			
	property			
365	Interim study to examine		YES	N/A
	school guidelines and			
	policies relating to LGBTQ			
	bullying prevention			
368	Interim study to examine the		YES	N/A
	process for school districts			
	to change the boundaries of			
	individual schools within			
	their districts			
378	Interim study to examine the	YES		11/08/24
0,0	viability of selling land	122		11,00,21
	managed by the Board of			
	Educational Lands and			
	Funds			
382	Interim study to examine the		YES	N/A
	governance and			
	representation of the Board			
	of Regents of the University			
	of Nebraska			
383	Interim study to examine		YES	N/A
	improvements to the Tax			
	Equity and Educational			
	Opportunities Support Act			
	and potential alternative			
	funding mechanisms for			
	Nebraska public schools			
385	Interim study to examine	YES		11/08/24
	state standardized testing	120		11, 30, 24
	required in elementary and			
	secondary public schools			
	and the (AQuESTT) system			
	used to classify schools			
	under the Quality Education			
	Accountability Act			
419	Interim study to examine	YES		11/08/24
	school meal programs in	120		11.30.21
	Nebraska			
425	Interim study to examine the	YES		11/07/24
	challenges faced by families	122		-1.0,.21
	with special needs students			
	in enrolling such students as			
	option students in other			
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	school districts under the enrollment option program		
439	Interim study to explore whether the size of school districts has contributed to historical student underachievement within the Class V school district	YES	11/01/24
440	Interim study to examine how to close the educational achievement gap in the Class V school district	YES	11/01/24
496	Interim study to examine issues relating to the State Department of Education	YES	11/08/24

Executive Board

LR	Subject	Completed	Completed	Deferred	Date
	_	Report	No Report		Hearing
		Issued	Issued		Held
334	Interim study to consider				
	strategies to ensure public				
	access to the Nebraska State				
	Capitol and adequate			X	
	offstreet parking for state			Λ	
	employees working in the				
	State Capitol and state				
	buildings near the Capitol				
356	Interim study to examine				
	changes to reimbursements				
	for senators' expenditures,			X	
	technology, and functional				
	aspects of their positions				
391	Interim study to examine				
	State Capitol building				
	improvements including				
	lighting, workstations,			X	
	updated plumbing in				
	restrooms, and improved				
	safety of building exits				
393	Interim study to examine				
	safety and accessibility			X	
	issues for the State Capitol			Λ	
	Building				

General Affairs

LR	Subject	Completed		Deferred	Data
LK	Subject	Completed		Deferred	Date
		Report	No Report		Hearing
0.4		Issued	Issued		Held
84	Interim study to examine			X	NA
	different methods to address				
	concerns raised by				
	restaurant, bar, craft				
	brewery, microdistillery, and				
	farm winery owners relating				
	to receiving shipments of				
	alcoholic liquor				
98	Interim study to examine			Х	NA
	issues within the jurisdiction				
	of the General Affairs				
	Committee				
103	Interim study to examine			X	NA
	entertainment district				
	licenses issued under the				
	Nebraska Liquor Control				
	Act				
104	Interim study to examine			X	NA
	statutes relating to the State				
	Racing and Gaming				
	Commission and its				
105	members				3.7.1
105	Interim study to examine			X	NA
	and review occupational				
	licenses and regulations				
	under the State Electrical				
2.4.4	Act				NT A
344	Interim study to examine			X	NA
	issues within the jurisdiction				
	of the General Affairs				
215	Committee				NT A
345	Interim study to examine all			X	NA
	licenses issued by the State				
	Racing and Gaming Commission				
353					NA
333	Interim study to examine the			X	INA
	pricing and taxation of alcohol in Nebraska				
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Government, Military and Veterans Affairs

LR	Subject	Completed	Completed	Deferred	Date
		Report	No Report		Hearing
		Issued	Issued		Held
362	Interim study to examine the		X		9/19/24

	dangers posed by artificial			
	intelligence for elections			
426	Interim study relating to		X	
	public records requests to			
	determine whether reports of			
	the resistance of government			
	entities to public record			
	requests are representative			
	or isolated			
364	Interim study to review the	X		9/6/24
304	credentialing requirements	71		7/0/24
	for private detectives,			
	private detective agencies,			
	and plain clothes			
	investigators in furtherance			
	of the purposes of the			
	Occupational Board Reform			
2.50	Act			0/6/01
363	Interim study to review the	X		9/6/24
	credentialing requirements			
	for water-based fire			
	protection system			
	contractors in furtherance of			
	the purposes of the			
	Occupational Board Reform			
	Act			
355	Interim study to examine		X	9/6/24
	and compare the process for			
	adopting, promulgating, and			
	eliminating rules and			
	regulations in Nebraska and			
	in other states, and updates			
	to the Administrative			
	Procedure Act			
357	Interim study to determine		X	9/19/24
	to what extent, if any, there			
	is a necessity to bolster			
	election security in the State			
	of Nebraska			
304	Interim study to identify and		X	
394	review all programs and		Λ	
	services enacted by the			
	Legislature which may			
	result in an increase in			
	expenditures of funds by			
	counties and county			
	governments assigned to			
	provide such programs and			
1	services			

369	Interim study to examine the	X	
	barriers to voting and equal		
	representation for Native		
	Americans in Nebraska		
406	Interim study to explore the	X	
	development of an		
	institution dedicated to		
	providing instruction,		
	orientation, and professional		
	development tailored for		
	elected officials and office		
	holders in Nebraska		
412	Interim study to examine	X	9/19/24
	changes to state law		
	regarding the use of		
	artificial intelligence in		
	political campaigns		
436	Interim study to examine the	X	
	initiative and referendum		
	petition processes in the		
	twenty-six states in which		
	such a process exists		
434	Interim study to examine	X	
	tourism, including		
	agritourism, in the State of		
	Nebraska		

Health and Human Services

LR	Subject	Completed		Deferred	Date
		Report	No Report		Hearing
		Issued	Issued		Held
392	Interim Study to examine	Yes	No	No	10/23/24
	the costs and frequency of				
	rebasing provider rates and				
	to develop a methodology				
	for rebasing such rates				
397	Interim Study to examine the structure and processes	No	Yes	No	9/25/24
	of the credentialing review				
	process known as the "407"				
	process				
338	Interim study to examine	No	Yes	No	12/11/24
	health delivery systems				
	situated in rural areas,				
	defined as all counties				
	except Douglas, Lancaster,				
	and Sarpy				
377	Interim study to examine	No	Yes	No	10/30/24
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	the components of the State				
	of Nebraska's public health				
	registry data collection and				
	the release of that data to				
	appropriate research entities				
433	Interim study to examine the	No	Yes	No	9/25/24
	availability and access to				
	data regarding maternal and				
	infant health care in				
	Nebraska				
428	Interim study to review how	No	Yes	No	10/30/24
	the State of Nebraska can				
	ensure it has effective				
	emergency medical services				
	in rural communities				
373	Interim study to examine	No	Yes	No	10/30/24
	different methods, including				
	potential statutory changes,				
	to address the need to				
	recruit, train, and retain				
	individuals to practice				
	dentistry in Nebraska				
337	Interim study to examine	No	Yes	Yes	No
	public assistance programs				
	in Nebraska to determine				
	whether program structures				
	could be improved				
442	Interim study to examine the	No	Yes	Yes	No
	scope and function of the				
	Nebraska Health				
	Information Initiative and its				
120	affiliates in Nebraska	3.7		3.7	
429	Interim study to examine the	No	Yes	No	10/30/24
	Child Care Licensing Act				
	and the availability and				
	affordability of liability				
	insurance for licensed child				
4 1 5	care providers in Nebraska	3.	**		
443	Interim study to examine	No	Yes	No	10/30/24
	assisted-living facility				
	reimbursement rates at				
	different facilities throughout Nebraska				
423	Interim study to examine	No	Yes	Yes	No
1723	child care providers in	110	103	103	110
	Nebraska and the shortage				
	of child care options in rural				
	Nebraska				
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	Interim study to examine opportunities under the medical assistance program to improve state beneficiaries' social determinants of health by allowing coverage of clinically appropriate interventions that address enrollees' health-related social needs	No	Yes	No	9/25/24
	Interim study to examine the impact of the services provided to eligible recipients of Temporary Assistance for Needy Families program funds	No	Yes	Yes	No
421	Interim study to examine addiction with an emphasis on the examination of opioid addiction	No	Yes	Yes	No
372	Interim study to examine Nebraska's policies relating to the Board of Nursing and to evaluate the usefulness of the Board of Advanced Practice Registered Nurses	No	Yes	Yes	No
422	Interim study to examine the needs, successes, and challenges relating to behavioral health in Nebraska	No	Yes	Yes	No
	Interim study to examine the process the Department of Health and Human Services uses in selecting a provider to service a foster home	No	Yes	Yes	No
386	Interim study to examine the scope of practice for behavior analysts in the State of Nebraska	No	Yes	Yes	No
427	Interim study to examine the use of the child care subsidy program in section 68-1206 as an incentive to recruit and retain employees in the child care industry	No	Yes	Yes	No
387	Interim study to examine	No	Yes	Yes	No

	payment rates and methodology used by the Department of Health and Human Services for child and adolescent behavioral health care, child welfare, and juvenile service providers				
415	Interim study to examine the historic unwind of the federal COVID-19 Medicaid continuous coverage requirements as implemented by the Department of Health and Human Services	No	Yes	No	11/13/24
396	Interim study to examine issues within the jurisdiction of the Health and Human Services Committee	No	Yes	Yes	No

Judiciary

No Report Filed

Natural Resources

LR	Subject	Completed	Completed	Deferred	Date
		Report	No Report		Hearing
		Issued	Issued		Held
469	Interim study to examine	12/17/24			10/17/24
	existing, new, and emerging	To be			
	technologies in the nuclear	issued			
	energy industry				
352	Interim study to assess			X	
	identified improvement				
	projects for clean water and				
	drinking water systems in				
	Nebraska				

Retirement

LR	Subject	Completed	Completed	Deferred	Date
		Report	No Report		Hearing
		Issued	Issued		Held
407	Interim study to examine the			X	
	City of Omaha Employees'				
	Retirement System for				
	Omaha's civilian employees				
	and the City of Omaha				

	Police and Fire Retirement System for Omaha's police and fire employees			
408	Interim study to examine the Nebraska Public Employees Retirement Systems administered by the Public Employees Retirement Board	X		
409	Interim study to carry out the provisions of section 13- 2402, which requires the Nebraska Retirement Systems Committee to monitor underfunded defined benefit plans administered by political subdivisions	Х		

Revenue

LR	Subject	Completed	Completed	Deferred	Date
		Report	No Report		Hearing
		Issued	Issued		Held
314	Interim study to examine		X		11/22/24
	adjustments to county				
	revenue sources and				
	elimination of unnecessary				
	county expenses to				
	compensate for a phaseout				
	of the Nebraska inheritance				
	tax by 2029				
324	Interim study to determine			X	
	whether Nebraska statutes				
	should be modified to				
	provide a tax credit or				
	consideration towards the				
	purchase of a new or				
	replacement vehicle for a				
	private seller who sells a				
2.10	vehicle				0/10/01
349	Interim study to examine the	X			9/13/24
	funding sources, including				
	tax incentives and other				
	methods, used for early				
	childhood education				
2.5-	programs in Nebraska				0 10 0 10 1
367	Interim study to examine		X		9/20/24
	mechanisms to slow the rise				

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	of property tax valuations				
	during periods of rapid				
	property value increases				
384	Interim study to examine	X			9/6/24
	nonprofit organizations,				
	their nonprofit status, the				
	way they use their				
	nontaxable income, and the				
	ways they use their				
	nontaxable income for				
	political purposes				
411	Interim study to review			X	
	LB1072, introduced in the				
	One Hundred Eighth				
	Legislature, relating to the				
	topic of sustainable aviation				
	fuel				
414	Interim study to determine			X	
	the feasibility of having the				
	state run all property				
	assessment in Nebraska,				
	merging county assessors				
	with another office, or				
	having county assessors be				
	an appointed position				
418	Interim study to examine the		X		9/20/24
	current property tax				
	valuation process				
424	Interim study to examine			X	
	occupation taxes				
435	Interim study to assess the		X		11/22/24
	loss of funding to Nebraska				
	counties as a result of an				
	elimination of the Nebraska				
	inheritance tax and to				
	identify potential state				
	funding sources to replace				
	lost revenue				

Transportation and Telecommunications

LR	Subject	Completed	Completed	Deferred	Date			
		Report	No Report		Hearing			
		Issued	Issued		Held			
417	Provide a comprehensive examination of the funding structure of Nebraska's transportation system and identify strategies to fund		X					

	highway maintenance and construction			
376	Examine issues within the	X		
	jurisdiction of the			
	Transportation and			
	Telecommunications			
	Committee			
403	Examine issues discussed		X	
	during the hearing on			
	LB1256 introduced in the			
	One Hundred Eighth			
	Legislature			
380	Study issues regarding	X		
	affordable broadband in			
	Nebraska			
402	Study to examine and	X		10/18/24
	monitor broadband			
	expansion in Nebraska			
395	Study to examine the tax		X	
	and surcharge burden			
	imposed on			
	telecommunications services			

Urban Affairs

LR	Subject	Completed	Completed	Deferred	Date
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359	Interim study to review the		X		10/4/24
	concept of property				
	development in the State of				
	Nebraska				
360	Interim study to review the		X		10/4/24
	Middle Income Workforce				
	Housing Investment Act				
437	Interim study to examine		X		10/4/24
	issues within the jurisdiction				
	of the Urban Affairs				
	Committee				
438	Interim study to review the	X			10/4/24
	occupational regulations for				
	fire alarm inspectors				
441	Interim study to examine the		X		10/4/24
	impact of local housing				
	regulations on Nebraska's				
	housing supply				

SPEAKER ARCH PRESIDING

BILLS ON FIRST READING

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

LEGISLATIVE BILL 1. Introduced by Executive Board: Hansen, 16, Chairperson.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to medical cannabis; to amend section 2, Initiative Law 2024, No. 437, and section 2, Initiative Law 2024, No. 438; to eliminate an incorrect subdivision reference in provisions adopted by the voters at the statewide general election; to repeal the original sections; and to declare an emergency.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 2. Introduced by Executive Board: Hansen, 16, Chairperson.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to government; to repeal terminated provisions relating to the Children and Juveniles Data Feasibility Study Advisory Group, the Crimes Against Children Fund, the Industrial Recovery Fund, the Medical Cannabidiol Pilot Study, the Municipal Natural Gas System Emergency Assistance Act, and the Nebraska Economic Development Task Force; and to outright repeal sections 19-5601, 19-5602, 19-5603, 19-5604, 19-5605, 19-5606, 19-5607, 19-5608, 28-463, 28-464, 28-465, 28-466, 28-467, 28-468, 28-469, 50-435, 81-1213, and 81-1429.01, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, and section 43-1306, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 3. Introduced by Lippincott, 34, at the Request of the Governor.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to presidential electors; to amend sections 32-710, 32-714, and 32-1038, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, and section 32-713, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024; to change provisions relating to selection of presidential electors; and to repeal the original sections.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 4. Introduced by Bosn, 25.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to telecommunications; to amend section 86-124, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, and section 75-109.01, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024; to provide Public Service Commission jurisdiction; to adopt the Telecommunications Exchange Deregulation Act; and to repeal the original sections.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 5. Introduced by Bosn, 25.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to the Uniform Controlled Substances Act; to amend section 28-470, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024; to provide for immunity for conduct relating to opioid antagonists; to provide and eliminate definitions; and to repeal the original section.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 6. Introduced by Bosn, 25.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to the Uniform Controlled Substances Act; to amend section 28-416, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024; to provide for a penalty enhancement for a controlled substances violation resulting in serious bodily injury or death; to harmonize provisions; and to repeal the original section.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 7. Introduced by DeKay, 40; Hardin, 48.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to the real property; to amend sections 76-2,141, 76-3702, 76-3703, 76-3704, 76-3708, 76-3709, 76-3710, 76-3712, and 76-3715, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024; to change provisions relating to affidavits for covered real estate, foreign-owned real estate, oil and gas leases, real estate of railroads, public utilities, common carriers, and within cities or villages, manufacturing or industrial establishments, investigations and violations, and civil and criminal immunity; to define and redefine terms; to provide for exceptions and applicability; to harmonize provisions; to provide severability; and to repeal the original sections.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 8. Introduced by Dungan, 26.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to the Sustainable Aviation Fuel Tax Credit Act; to amend sections 77-2715.07, 77-2717, 77-2734.03, and 77-7019, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024; to change the first year the credit is available; to change the credit to a refundable credit; to eliminate the limitations on the number of years the credit can be claimed and the annual amount available for the credit; to harmonize provisions; and to repeal the original sections.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 9. Introduced by Hughes, 24.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to tobacco and related products; to amend sections 77-2604, 77-2612, 77-2615.01, and 77-4015, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, and sections 28-1418.01, 59-1523, 69-2705, 69-2709, 69-2710.01, 77-4001, 77-4002, and 77-4003.01, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024; to define and redefine terms relating to nicotine and nicotine analogues; to provide for regulation of alternative nicotine products and electronic nicotine delivery systems containing nicotine analogues; to change provisions relating to notices of deficiency for certain cigarette taxes and under the Tobacco Products Tax Act; to provide for sanctions and administrative penalties under the Tobacco Products Tax Act, to declare tobacco products involved in violations of the act to be contraband and provide for their forfeiture, seizure, and disposal; to provide for immunity; to harmonize provisions; to provide an operative date; and to repeal the original sections.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 10. Introduced by Hughes, 24.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to prescription drugs; to amend section 71-7455, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; to change a records requirement for wholesale drug distributors; to provide for dispensing of prescription drugs through the prescription drug donation program in a state of emergency; and to repeal the original sections.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 11. Introduced by Hughes, 24.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to appropriations; to appropriate funds for the Nebraska Statewide Workforce and Education Reporting System Act; and to declare an emergency.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 12. Introduced by Dungan, 26.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to civil procedure; to amend section 25-228, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024; to change the statute of limitations on certain civil actions for sexual assault of a child; and to repeal the original section.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 13. Introduced by Cavanaugh, M., 6.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to the federal Child Care Subsidy program; to amend section 68-1206, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024; to require the Department of Health and Human Services to file a state plan amendment as prescribed; and to repeal the original section.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 14. Introduced by Cavanaugh, M., 6.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to schools; to amend section 79-10,137, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; to adopt the Hunger-Free Schools Act; to restate legislative findings and state legislative intent; to eliminate provisions relating to reimbursement for school breakfast programs; to provide powers and duties to the State Department of Education and the State Board of Education; to repeal the original section; and to outright repeal sections 79-10,138 and 79-10,139, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 15. Introduced by Dungan, 26.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to appropriations; to state intent regarding appropriations; and to declare an emergency.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 16. Introduced by Cavanaugh, J., 9.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to hemp; to amend sections 53-105, 53-106, 53-110, 53-111, and 81-1021, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, and section 28-1701, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024; to adopt

the Nebraska Consumable Hemp Control Act; to change provisions relating to immunity for eligible drug offenses, and the Nebraska Liquor Control Commission and its commissioners, executive directors, and employees; to define terms; to provide for unmarked vehicles; to harmonize provisions; and to repeal the original sections.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 17. Introduced by Cavanaugh, J., 9.

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 prohibit landlords from charging fees as prescribed; to require disclosures; to provide for enforcement under the Consumer Protection Act; to provide civil penalties; to harmonize provisions; and to repeal the original section.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 18. Introduced by Cavanaugh, J., 9.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to the Small Wireless Facilities Deployment Act; to amend section 86-1236, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; to provide duties for an authority and requirements for a wireless provider as prescribed; and to repeal the original section.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 19. Introduced by Cavanaugh, J., 9.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to cities of the metropolitan class; to amend sections 14-201, 14-202, 14-204, 14-205, 14-206, 14-207, 14-210, 14-217.01, 14-376, 14-521, 14-811, 14-1206, 14-1211, 14-1216, 14-1251, 32-402, 32-536, and 32-554, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, and section 14-211, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024; to change provisions relating to nomination, election, and terms of city council members and mayor; to change provisions relating to primary and general elections; to harmonize provisions; and to repeal the original sections.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 20. Introduced by Cavanaugh, J., 9.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to renewable energy; to define terms; and to provide for electric service between a local distribution system and an agricultural self-generation facility as prescribed.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 21. Introduced by Cavanaugh, J., 9.

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

LEGISLATIVE BILL 22. Introduced by Dungan, 26.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to the Medical Assistance Act; to amend sections 68-911 and 68-996, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024; to require the Department of Health and Human Services to file a

state plan amendment for evidenced-based nurse home visiting services as prescribed; to state intent relating to funding; and to repeal the original sections.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 23. Introduced by Cavanaugh, J., 9.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to public health and welfare; to provide for grants for bike-sharing programs; and to state intent regarding appropriations.

PROPOSED RULE CHANGE(S)

Senator Cavanaugh, M. filed the following proposed rule change:

Proposed Rule Change 2

Rule 3. Sec. 4. Select Committees.

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- (iii) The Clerk of the Legislature's office shall be responsible for the collection of pertinent information on gubernatorial appointments. That information will be distributed to the appropriate standing committee prior to the time of the confirmation hearing. The Clerk's office shall be the "depository" for background information on the appointed individual, including a statement of financial interests if applicable, and any other biographical information that the committee chair feels is appropriate for the committee to have before it during the confirmation process. In addition to such information, the committee legal counsel shall search any publicly available information on the appointee's background, including, but not limited to, filed conflict of interest statements, media stories, and criminal history records. The committee legal counsel shall prepare an objective report for the committee detailing all such information gathered and make such report available to the members of the committee at least two days prior to the appointee's confirmation hearing.
- (iv) The committees to which a gubernatorial appointee has been referred for confirmation shall conduct a confirmation hearing. Each appointee shall be required to appear in person before the committee conducting the confirmation hearing. The appearance of the appointee may be waived for good cause as determined by the chair of the committee.

The committee shall prepare a report which approves, rejects, or makes no recommendation on the appointment. Said report shall be filed with the Clerk of the Legislature. The Legislature shall then have the opportunity to accept or reject the report of the committee.

If the Legislature fails to adopt a report to approve an appointment by a majority vote of the elected members, the appointment is thereby rejected.

If the report coming from the committee is to reject the appointment, and the Legislature fails to adopt the report by a majority vote of the elected members, then the appointment is thereby approved provided the report receives a majority vote in the negative.

In the event that the committee files a report making no recommendation on the appointment, the report shall be considered by the Legislature within five legislative days, and no later than the scheduled adjournment sine die of the current legislative session. The Legislature shall consider a motion to approve the appointment, which shall require a majority of the elected members for approval. If the Legislature fails to approve the motion, the appointment is thereby rejected.

In the event a motion on a report fails to receive either in the affirmative or negative a majority vote of the elected members, then such appointment shall be deemed rejected.

BILLS ON FIRST READING

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

LEGISLATIVE BILL 24. Introduced by Cavanaugh, J., 9.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to criminal procedure; to amend sections 29-2262.06 and 29-2267, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; to change provisions relating to the revocation of probation and waiver of probation fees; and to repeal the original sections.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 25. Introduced by Ballard, 21.

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

LEGISLATIVE BILL 26. Introduced by Ballard, 21.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to crimes and offenses; to amend section 28-929.01, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024; to redefine a term; to include certain hospital and health clinic employees within certain assault statutes; and to repeal the original section.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 27. Introduced by Ballard, 21.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to the Rural Health Systems and Professional Incentive Act; to amend sections 71-5650 and 71-5652, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, and sections 68-996, 71-5662, 71-5663, and 71-5668, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024; to change provisions of the Medicaid Managed Care Excess Profit Fund; to restate the purposes of the Rural Health Systems and Professional Incentive Act; to change provisions relating to loan repayments, financial assistance

amounts, and loan repayment recipient agreements under the Rural Health Systems and Professional Incentive Act; to provide for financial assistance in the form of loan repayments to certain dentists who agree to provide dental services to medicaid patients as prescribed; to harmonize provisions; and to repeal the original sections.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 28. Introduced by Conrad, 46; Hunt, 8.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to revenue and taxation; to amend section 77-2716, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024; to provide for an income tax adjustment for tip income; and to repeal the original section.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 29. Introduced by Conrad, 46.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to the Administrative Procedure Act; to amend section 84-920, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; to create a review process for rules and regulations; to require reports as prescribed; to harmonize provisions; and to repeal the original section.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 30. Introduced by Conrad, 46.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to revenue and taxation; to amend section 77-2716, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024; to provide for an income tax adjustment for income received from overtime compensation; and to repeal the original section.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 31. Introduced by Conrad, 46.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to schools; to state legislative findings; to require the State Board of Education to develop a model policy relating to the use of student surveillance, monitoring, and tracking technology by school districts as prescribed; and to require each school board to adopt a policy consistent with the model policy.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 32. Introduced by Hunt, 8.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to political accountability and disclosure; to amend section 49-1474.01, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; to change provisions related to disclaimers; and to repeal the original section.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 33. Introduced by Hunt, 8.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to the Nebraska Liquor Control Act; to amend sections 53-103.02, 53-103.03, and 53-103.24, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; to redefine terms; to remove nonalcoholic beer from regulation under the Nebraska Liquor Control Act; to harmonize provisions; to repeal the original sections; and to outright repeal section 53-160.02, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 34. Introduced by Hunt, 8.

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 provide for year-round daylight saving time as prescribed; to harmonize provisions; and to repeal the original sections.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 35. Introduced by Brandt, 32.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to privately developed renewable energy generation facilities; to amend section 70-1014.02, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024; to change provisions relating to the requirements for certain exemptions; and to repeal the original section.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 36. Introduced by Brandt, 32.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to the Wellhead Protection Area Act; to amend section 46-1501, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; to provide for notification of certain regulations and permits to controlling entities by counties, cities, and villages; to harmonize provisions; and to repeal the original section.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 37. Introduced by Jacobson, 42.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to railroads; to amend section 75-109.01, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024; to adopt the Railroad Safety Act; to change provisions relating to the jurisdiction of the Public Service Commission; to eliminate provisions relating to blocked crossings; to provide an operative date; to repeal the original section; and to outright repeal section 17-225, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 38. Introduced by Jacobson, 42.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to the Geologists Regulation Act; to amend sections 81-3501, 81-3502, 81-3503, 81-3507, 81-3508, 81-3509, 81-3509.01, 81-3511, 81-3512, 81-3514, 81-3515, 81-3517, 81-3518, 81-3519, 81-3520, 81-3521, 81-3522, 81-3525, 81-3526, 81-3527, 81-3528, 81-3529, 81-3530, 81-3531, 81-3534, 81-3535, 81-3536, 81-3537, 81-3539, 81-3540, and 81-3541, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; to define, redefine, and eliminate terms; to change, provide, and eliminate provisions relating to prohibited acts, the Board of Geologists, the roster of professional geologists, the code of practice, licensure, certificates of licensure, certificates of authority, seals, the practice of geology, violations of the act, examinations, and exempt activities; to harmonize provisions; to repeal the original sections; and to outright repeal sections 81-3505 and 81-3513, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 39. Introduced by Jacobson, 42.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to banks; to amend section 8-124.01, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; to change provisions relating to notification of a vacancy in the board of directors of a bank to the Department of Banking and Finance; and to repeal the original section.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 40. Introduced by Jacobson, 42.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to the Nebraska Uniform Limited Liability Company Act; to amend section 21-193, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; to change provisions relating to publication of notice of organization, amendment of certificate of organization, merger, conversion, domestication, or dissolution; and to repeal the original section.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 41. Introduced by Riepe, 12; Cavanaugh, M., 6; DeBoer, 10; Raybould, 28.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to communicable diseases; to amend section 71-502.03, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; to change requirements relating to blood tests for pregnant women; and to repeal the original section.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 42. Introduced by Riepe, 12.

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

LEGISLATIVE BILL 43. Introduced by DeKay, 40; Hardin, 48.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to electricity; to amend sections 70-1001.01, 70-1012, 70-1014.02, and 70-1015, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024; to define and redefine terms; to change provisions relating to notice and certification requirements for electric generation facilities, transmission lines, and privately developed renewable energy generation facilities located near military installations; to harmonize provisions; to repeal the original sections; and to declare an emergency.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 44. Introduced by McKinney, 11.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to postconviction relief; to amend section 29-3001, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024; to change provisions relating to limitations on actions for postconviction relief; and to repeal the original section.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 45. Introduced by McKinney, 11.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to jobs; to amend section 48-622.03, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, and section 48-622.02, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024; to provide for grants for job programs for historically underserved youth; to state intent regarding appropriations; to harmonize provisions; and to repeal the original sections.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 46. Introduced by McKinney, 11.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program; to amend section 68-1017.02, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024; to require the Department of Health and Human Services to establish a Restaurant Meals Program; and to repeal the original section.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 47. Introduced by McKinney, 11.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to economic development; to amend sections 81-12,153, 81-12,162, 81-12,233, 81-12,234, and 81-12,235, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; to define terms; to change provisions relating to a small business investment program under the Business Innovation Act; to change provisions relating to a program to provide professional counseling services to small businesses; to harmonize provisions; to provide an operative date; to repeal the original sections; and to declare an emergency.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 48. Introduced by McKinney, 11.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to public health and welfare; to establish a family resource and juvenile assessment pilot program as prescribed; to provide an operative date; and to declare an emergency.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 49. Introduced by McKinney, 11.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to schools; to amend section 79-405, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; to change provisions relating to a school district's powers as a body corporate; to provide powers and duties to the State Board of Education and school districts relating to ban and bar actions; and to repeal the original section.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 50. Introduced by DeKay, 40; Dover, 19; Hansen, 16; McKeon, 41.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to revenue and taxation; to amend section 77-6204, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; to change provisions relating to the distribution of the nameplate capacity tax; and to repeal the original section.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 51. Introduced by Ibach, 44; Bosn, 25; Holdcroft, 36.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to criminal history record information; to adopt the National Crime Prevention and Privacy Compact; and to provide powers and duties for the Superintendent of Law Enforcement and Public Safety and the Nebraska State Patrol.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 52. Introduced by Ibach, 44; Bosn, 25; Holdcroft, 36.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to victims; to amend section 81-1850, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; to change offenses included within certain victim notification requirements; to change provisions relating to disclosure of certain information; and to repeal the original section.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 53. Introduced by Cavanaugh, M., 6; Cavanaugh, J., 9; Conrad, 46; DeBoer, 10; Guereca, 7; Hunt, 8; Juarez, 5; Spivey, 13.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to pregnancy; to state intent; and to provide criminal and civil immunity for pregnancy outcomes as prescribed.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 54. Introduced by Dorn, 30.

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 55. Introduced by Dorn, 30.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to appropriations; to state intent regarding certain appropriations.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 56. Introduced by Dorn, 30.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to law enforcement; to amend section 60-6,102, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; to require medical facilities and mortuaries to comply with requests for blood draws relating to certain deceased persons as prescribed; and to repeal the original section.

PROPOSED RULE CHANGE(S)

Senator DeBoer filed the following proposed rule changes:

Proposed Rule Change 3

Rule 7, Sec. 4. Shall the Debate Cease. The previous question shall be in this form, "Shall the debate now close?".

The previous question shall be made only in the normal course of speaking order and shall be in order when demanded by five or more members, and must be sustained by the vote of a majority of the elected members, and

until decided shall, except as provided in this section of this rule, preclude further debate and all amendments and motions, except one motion to adjourn. The presiding officer may rule the previous question out of order if in the presiding officer's opinion a full and fair debate has not been afforded, due to the complexity of the subject matter. The ruling of the presiding officer shall be subject to overrule in accordance with Rule 1, Section 12 of these rules.

On a previous question there shall be no debate. All incidental questions of order, arising after a motion is made for a previous question, and pending such motion, shall be decided, whether on appeal or otherwise, without debate.

When the previous question shall have been ordered on a proposition under debate, the mover, proponent, or introducer of such proposition shall be given the right to close the debate thereon.

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Proposed Rule Change 4

Rule 2. Sec. 8. Transgression of Rules, Call Member to Order.

Sec. 8. Transgression of Rules, Call Member to Order. If any member, in speaking or otherwise, transgresses the Rules of the Legislature, the presiding officer shall, or any member may, at any time before the end of the legislative day during which such transgression occurred, call such member to order, in which case he or she shall immediately sit down, unless permitted on motion of another member to explain, and the Legislature shall, if appealed to, decide the case without debate. If the decision be in favor of the member called to order, he or she shall be at liberty to proceed, but not otherwise, and if the case requires it, he or she shall be liable to censure or such punishment as the Legislature may deem proper.

Rule 2. Sec. 9. Words Excepted To.

Sec. 9. Words Excepted To. If a member is called to order for words spoken in debate, the member calling him or her to order shall indicate the words excepted to, and they shall be taken down in writing at the Clerk's desk and read aloud to the Legislature, but he or she shall not be held to answer, nor be subject to the censure of the Legislature therefore, <u>if such call to order is not made before the end of the legislative day during which such words excepted to were spoken further debate or other business shall have intervened.</u>

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Proposed Rule Change 5

Rule 7. Sec. 3. Motion in Writing, Withdrawal.

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- (d) No motion, proposition, or subject, different from that under consideration, shall be admitted under color of amendment. Any amendment that is not germane is out of order. Germane amendments relate only to details of the specific subject of the bill and must be in a natural and logical sequence to the subject matter of the original proposal. A nongermane amendment includes one that relates to a substantially different subject.
- (e) Any member may call for the division of a question, which shall be divided if it comprehends propositions in substance so distinct that, one being taken away, a substantive proposition shall remain for the decision of the Legislature. Once a <u>call for a</u> division is <u>made</u> ordered by the presiding officer, each component shall be treated as a separate and distinct proposition. For purposes of germaneness, even if a question is germane prior to a request for division, each and every other component or proposition of the divided question will be subject to germaneness rulings. Once a vote or change has occurred on any of the divisible questions, the remaining divided sections may not be withdrawn without a majority of those voting or without unanimous consent. A motion to strike out and insert shall be deemed indivisible, but a motion to strike out being lost, shall not preclude an amendment or a motion to strike out or insert. Such call for division shall not be allowed when considering motions under Rule 6, Section 6. Such a call for division shall not be allowed for bills listed under Rule 8, Section 1(b).

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BILLS ON FIRST READING

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

LEGISLATIVE BILL 57. Introduced by Dorn, 30.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to appropriations; to state intent regarding appropriations to the Department of Health and Human Services for medicaid assisted-living facilities.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 58. Introduced by Sanders, 45.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to liens; to eliminate provisions relating to jeweler's liens; and to outright repeal sections 52-301, 52-302, 52-303, and 52-304, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 59. Introduced by Sanders, 45; Brandt, 32.

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

LEGISLATIVE BILL 60. Introduced by Quick, 35.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to the State Lottery Act; to amend section 9-829, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; to remove the prohibition that a lottery ticket cannot be sold through a vending or dispensing device; and to repeal the original section.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 61. Introduced by Storer, 43; DeKay, 40; Dorn, 30; Holdcroft, 36; Jacobson, 42; Strommen, 47.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to public health and welfare; to amend section 68-911, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024; to require the Department of Health and Human Services to file an amendment to the home and community-based services waiver for the aged and disabled for memory care rates; and to repeal the original section.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 62. Introduced by Brandt, 32; Cavanaugh, J., 9; Clouse, 37; DeKay, 40; Hallstrom, 1; McKeon, 41; Quick, 35.

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

LEGISLATIVE BILL 63. Introduced by Brandt, 32; Clouse, 37; Conrad, 46; Guereca, 7.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to the Nebraska Racetrack Gaming Act; to amend section 9-1103, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024; to redefine terms relating to sports wagering; and to repeal the original section.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 64. Introduced by Fredrickson, 20.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to insurance; to amend section 44-3614, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024; to change eligibility requirements for medicare supplement policies; and to repeal the original section.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 65. Introduced by DeBoer, 10.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to courts; to amend sections 25-1914, 25-3010, 29-1920, 29-2207, 29-2262.04, 29-2262.06, 29-2704, 29-4106, 29-4121, 33-103, 33-107.01, 33-107.03, 33-126.05, 33-154, 33-155, 33-156, 33-157, 43-261, 43-290, 47-633, and 81-1429, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, and sections 24-703, 25-1140.09, 29-1903, 29-2262, 33-106, 33-124, 43-254, 43-260.04, 43-272, and 43-2,129, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024; to exempt individuals under nineteen years of age from payment of certain court fees and costs, probation fees, and DNA collection and testing costs; to provide that such individuals are presumed to be indigent for purposes of fees related to criminal discovery; to prohibit recovery of costs and fees in proceedings under the Nebraska Juvenile Code from juveniles and their parents or guardians as prescribed; to change provisions relating to juvenile pretrial diversion programs,

appointed counsel, guardians ad litem, and recoupment of certain costs; to prohibit imposition of a fine as a penalty in a juvenile proceeding; to eliminate obsolete provisions; to harmonize provisions; and to repeal the original sections.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 66. Introduced by DeBoer, 10.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to health care; to adopt the Uniform Health-Care Decisions Act; and to provide severability.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 67. Introduced by Raybould, 28.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to sexual assault; to adopt the Sexual Assault Emergency Care Act; and to provide severability.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 68. Introduced by Raybould, 28.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to public health and welfare; to amend section 68-901, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024; to provide coverage for certain contraceptives under insurance policies and the medical assistance program as prescribed; to harmonize provisions; and to repeal the original section.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 69. Introduced by Spivey, 13; McKinney, 11.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to the Commission on African American Affairs; to amend section 81-2606, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; to change requirements relating to meetings; to require a report; and to repeal the original section.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 70. Introduced by DeBoer, 10.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to children and families; to amend sections 43-104.15, 43-107, 43-512.04, 43-1401, 43-1402, 43-1404, 43-1405, and 43-1410, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, and sections 43-101, 43-101.01, 43-102, 43-104, 43-104.08, 43-104.13, and 43-2924, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024; to provide for adoption by a second adult person; to define and redefine terms; to change provisions relating to consent to adoption, home studies, terminology, child support and medical support, and the applicability of the Parenting Act; to eliminate obsolete provisions; to harmonize provisions; and to repeal the original sections.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 71. Introduced by DeBoer, 10; Quick, 35.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to the federal Child Care Subsidy program; to amend section 71-1961, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, and sections 43-536 and 68-1206, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024; to change requirements for child care rates paid by the Department of Health and Human Services relating to the Step Up to Quality Child Care Act; and to repeal the original sections.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 72. Introduced by Hallstrom, 1.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to the Uniform Controlled Substances Act; to amend sections 28-405 and 28-416, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024; to change provisions relating to controlled substances schedules; to harmonize provisions; and to repeal the original sections.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 73. Introduced by DeKay, 40; Brandt, 32; Dorn, 30; Hallstrom, 1; Ibach, 44; Lonowski, 33; McKeon, 41; Meyer, 17; Murman, 38; Strommen, 47.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to law enforcement; to amend section 81-1414.07, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; to eliminate obsolete provisions; to change the number of hours of annual continuing education courses required for law enforcement officers; to provide an operative date; and to repeal the original section.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 74. Introduced by Hunt, 8.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to the Nebraska Political Accountability and Disclosure Act; to amend section 49-1446.03, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; to authorize certain committee expenditures; to harmonize provisions; and to repeal the original section.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 75. Introduced by Hunt, 8.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to the Wage and Hour Act; to amend sections 48-1202, 48-1203.01, 48-1205, 48-1206, 48-1207, 48-1208, and 48-1209, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, and section 48-1203, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024; to define terms; to clarify language regarding compensation for tipped employees; to provide duties for employers; to change powers and duties of the Department of Labor and the Commissioner of Labor; to prohibit acts and provide a penalty; to provide for liquidated damages; to provide for complaints; to harmonize provisions; and to repeal the original sections.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 76. Introduced by Bostar, 29.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to the Nebraska State Patrol Retirement Act; to amend sections 81-2026, 81-2027.08, and 81-2027.09, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; to change provisions of the Nebraska State Patrol Retirement System relating to benefits provided upon the death of an officer and annual benefit adjustment calculations as prescribed; to repeal the original sections; and to declare an emergency.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 77. Introduced by Bostar, 29.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to insurance; to adopt the Ensuring Transparency in Prior Authorization Act; to provide operative dates; and to provide severability.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 78. Introduced by Bostar, 29.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to public health and welfare; to amend sections 76-901, 76-903, and 77-1327, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; to adopt the Domestic Violence and Sex Trafficking Survivor Assistance Act; to change the rate and allocation of the documentary stamp tax; to harmonize provisions; and to repeal the original sections.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 79. Introduced by Hallstrom, 1; Bosn, 25; Storer, 43; Strommen, 47.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to civil actions; to provide for dismissal of certain civil actions involving commercial motor vehicles.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 80. Introduced by Hallstrom, 1; Bosn, 25; DeKay, 40

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to protection orders; to amend sections 28-311.02, 28-311.05, 42-901, 42-905, 42-924.01, 42-924.03, 42-927, 42-928, 42-929, 42-931, 43-2,107, and 60-3209, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, and sections 25-2740, 28-311.04, 28-311.12, 28-358.01, 28-1205, 28-1206, 29-404.02, 29-422, 29-2292, 42-903, 42-924, 42-924.02, 42-925, 42-926, 43-1609, and 43-1611, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024; to adopt the Protection Orders Act; to extend the initial period of protection orders; to define terms; to provide penalties; to provide for powers and duties relating to such orders; to change a penalty for violation of a harassment protection order; to transfer provisions; to harmonize provisions; to repeal the original sections; and to outright repeal section 28-311.10, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, and sections 28-311.09 and 28-311.11, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 81. Introduced by Hardin, 48; Brandt, 32; Conrad, 46.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to the Nebraska Property Tax Incentive Act; to amend sections 77-6702 and 77-6703, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024; to define a term; to change provisions relating to tax credits for school district taxes paid; to harmonize provisions; to repeal the original sections; and to declare an emergency.

RESOLUTION(S)

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 2. Introduced by DeKay, 40.

WHEREAS, Cade Wakeley of Wausa, Nebraska, son of Brian and Tiffany Wakeley and member of Bloomfield/Wausa Boy Scout Troop 149, completed the requirements for the rank of Eagle Scout in the Boy Scouts of America; and

WHEREAS, to earn the rank of Eagle Scout, the highest rank in scouting, a Boy Scout must fulfill requirements in the areas of leadership, service, and outdoor skills. Throughout their scouting experience, these young men and women have learned, been tested on, and been recognized for various scouting skills; and

WHEREAS, to achieve the rank of Eagle Scout, a Boy Scout is required to earn twenty-one merit badges, fourteen of which are in required areas, and complete an approved community service project; and

WHEREAS, for his community service project, Cade planned and organized the installation of new benches for Gladstone Park in Wausa; and

WHEREAS, Cade, through his hard work and perseverance, has joined other high achievers who are Eagle Scouts, including astronauts, leaders of government and industry, artists, scientists, and athletes.

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

- 1. That the Legislature congratulates Cade Wakeley on achieving the rank of Eagle Scout.
 - 2. That a copy of this resolution be sent to Cade Wakeley.

Laid over.

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 3. Introduced by DeKay, 40.

WHEREAS, the 2024 Nebraska School Activities Association Class D-6 Football Championship was held on November 22, 2024, in Kearney, Nebraska: and

WHEREAS, the Stuart Broncos football team competed for the Class D-6 State Football Championship; and

WHEREAS, the Stuart Broncos football team defeated the Sumner-Eddyville-Miller Mustangs with a score of 42-38, earning the state title; and WHEREAS, this is the first state football championship won by the

Broncos in school history; and

WHEREAS, the Stuart Broncos football team members are positive role models of hard work, dedication, perseverance, and discipline for young athletes in their community; and

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

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

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

- 1. That the Legislature recognizes and congratulates the Stuart Broncos football team and its coach on winning the 2024 Nebraska School Activities Association Class D-6 State Football Championship.
- 2. That copies of this resolution be sent to the Stuart Broncos football team and Coach Colin Schurman.

Laid over.

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 4. Introduced by DeKay, 40.

WHEREAS, Caleb Erwin of Laurel, Nebraska, a member of Laurel Boy Scout Troop 208, completed the requirements for the rank of Eagle Scout in the Boy Scouts of America; and

WHEREAS, to earn the rank of Eagle Scout, the highest rank in scouting, a Boy Scout must fulfill requirements in the areas of leadership, service, and outdoor skills. Throughout their scouting experience, these young men and women have learned, been tested on, and been recognized for various scouting skills; and

WHEREAS, to achieve the rank of Eagle Scout, a Boy Scout is required to earn twenty-one merit badges, fourteen of which are in required areas, and complete an approved community service project; and

WHEREAS, for his community service project, Caleb planned and organized the painting of playground equipment at and the cleaning up of Laurel City Park; and

WHEREAS, Caleb, through his hard work and perseverance, has joined other high achievers who are Eagle Scouts, including astronauts, leaders of government and industry, artists, scientists, and athletes.

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

- 1. That the Legislature congratulates Caleb Erwin on achieving the rank of Eagle Scout.
 - 2. That a copy of this resolution be sent to Caleb Erwin.

Laid over.

MOTION - Escort Committees

Senator Rountree moved that a series of committees be appointed to escort the various state and constitutional officers for the purpose of administering their oaths of office.

The motion prevailed.

VISITOR(S)

Visitors to the Chamber were Mary Jo Holdcroft, Bellevue; Teresa Reese, Omaha; Bill Holdcroft, Omaha.

RECESS

At 12:01 p.m., on a motion by Senator Meyer, the Legislature recessed until 1:30 p.m.

AFTER RECESS

The Legislature reconvened at 1:30 p.m., President Kelly presiding.

ROLL CALL

The roll was called and all members were present except Senator Hardin who was excused until he arrived.

PRESENTATION OF COLORS

Presentation of Colors by the Nebraska Army National Guard.

SPEAKER ARCH PRESIDING

INAUGURAL CEREMONIES

Chief Justice Jeffrey J. Funke, administered the Oath of Office to the newly elected state officials.

The Chief Justice and the newly elected state officials were escorted from the Chamber.

PROPOSED RULE CHANGE(S)

Senator Hansen filed the following proposed rule change:

Proposed Rule Change 6

Rule 3, Sec. 4. Select Committees.

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v) Appointments of agency or department heads serving at the pleasure of the Governor shall be considered individually by the Legislature upon receipt of the committee report.

Any other appointments reported by the committee may be presented in a single report, provided the committee's recommendation is identical for all such appointments. This report may be scheduled by the Speaker for collective consideration and action by the Legislature. The Speaker shall announce proposed nominations for collective consideration two legislative days prior to their placement on the agenda. The full report shall be indivisible; however, any individual nomination may be removed from the

report upon written request of five or more senators. Such requests must be filed with the Clerk prior to the commencement of consideration of the appointments. Any nomination so removed shall be scheduled by the Speaker for individual consideration.

Renumber the remaining subdivisions.

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COMMITTEE ON COMMITTEES PRELIMINARY REPORT

Senator Armendariz offered the following Committee on Committees report:

Agriculture (8)

Tuesday

DeKay (C), (VC), Hansen, Holdcroft, Ibach, Kauth, McKeon, Raybould, Storm

Appropriations (9)

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, & Friday

Clements (C), (VC), Armendariz, Cavanaugh, M., Dorn, Dover, Lippincott, Prokop, Spivey, Strommen

Banking, Commerce and Insurance (8)

Monday & Tuesday

Jacobson (C), (VC), Bostar, Dungan, Hallstrom, Hardin, Riepe, von Gillern, Wordekemper

Business and Labor (7)

Monday

Kauth (C), (VC), Hansen, Ibach, McKeon, McKinney, Raybould, Sorrentino

Education (8)

Monday & Tuesday

Murman (C), (VC), Conrad, Hughes, Hunt, Juarez, Lonowski, Meyer, Sanders

General Affairs (8)

Monday

Holdcroft (C), (VC), Andersen, Cavanaugh, J., Clouse, DeKay, Quick, Rountree, Storm

Government, Military and Veterans Affairs (8)

Wednesday, Thursday, & Friday

Sanders (C), (VC), Cavanaugh, J., Clouse, Guereca, Hunt, Lonowski, McKeon, Wordekemper

Health and Human Services (7)

Wednesday, Thursday, & Friday

Hardin (C), (VC), Ballard, Fredrickson, Hansen, Meyer, Quick, Riepe

Judiciary (8)

Wednesday, Thursday, & Friday

Bosn (C), (VC), DeBoer, Hallstrom, Holdcroft, McKinney, Rountree, Storer, Storm

Natural Resources (8)

Wednesday, Thursday, & Friday

Brandt (C), (VC), Andersen, Conrad, DeKay, Hughes, Juarez, Moser, Raybould

Nebraska Retirement Systems (6)

At call of Chair

Ballard (C), (VC), Clements, Conrad, Hardin, Jaurez, Sorrentino

Revenue (8)

Wednesday, Thursday, & Friday

von Gillern (C), (VC), Bostar, Dungan, Ibach, Jacobson, Kauth, Murman, Sorrentino

Transportation and Telecommunications (8)

Monday & Tuesday

Moser (C), (VC), Ballard, Bosn, Brandt, DeBoer, Fredrickson, Guereca, Storer

<u>Urban Affairs</u> (7)

Tuesday

McKinney (C), (VC), Andersen, Cavanaugh, J., Clouse, Quick, Rountree, Sorrentino

Committee on Committees (13)

Armendariz (C)

District 1:District 2:District 3:BosnCavanaugh, JBrandtBostarFredricksonIbachMoserHuntJacobsonSandersSpiveyMurman

Enrollment and Review (1)

Guereca (C)

Reference (9)

Hansen(C), Ibach(VC), Arch, Ballard, Bostar, Dorn, Fredrickson, Jacobson, McKinney, Clements (nonvoting ex officio)

Rules (6)

Lippincott (C), (VC), Bostar, DeBoer, Hansen, Ibach, Arch (ex officio)

Executive Board of the Legislative Council (9)

Hansen(C), Ibach(VC), Arch, Ballard, Bostar, Dorn, Fredrickson, Jacobson, McKinney, Clements (nonvoting ex officio)

VISITOR(S)

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

ADJOURNMENT

At 1:57 p.m., on a motion by Senator Moser, the Legislature adjourned until 10:00 a.m., Friday, January 10, 2025.

Brandon Metzler Clerk of the Legislature