

**FORTY-FIFTH DAY - MARCH 17, 2025****LEGISLATIVE JOURNAL****ONE HUNDRED NINTH LEGISLATURE  
FIRST SESSION****FORTY-FIFTH DAY**

Legislative Chamber, Lincoln, Nebraska  
Monday, March 17, 2025

**PRAYER**

The prayer was offered by Reverend Glen Emery, Grace Lutheran, Fairbury.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

The Pledge of Allegiance was offered by Senator Juarez.

**ROLL CALL**

Pursuant to adjournment, the Legislature met at 10:00 a.m., Senator DeBoer presiding.

The roll was called and all members were present except Senators Bostar, Conrad, and Hunt who were excused until they arrive.

**CORRECTIONS FOR THE JOURNAL**

The Journal for the forty-fourth day was approved.

**ANNOUNCEMENT(S)**

Speaker priority bill/resolution designations are as follows:  
LBs 32, 50, 77, 133, 166, 217, 346, 364, 388, 391, 399, 401, 414, 453, 454,  
529, 560, 561, 613, 640, 641, 667, 696, 704, 707.

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

Senator Spivey filed the following motions to LB632:

[MO87](#)

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

[MO88](#)

Recommit to the Health and Human Services Committee.

[MO89](#)

Bracket until June 9, 2025.

**MOTION(S) - Confirmation Report(s)**

Senator DeKay moved the adoption of the Agriculture Committee report for the confirmation of the following appointment(s) found on page 762:

Nebraska State Fair Board  
Anna Castner Wightman

Voting in the affirmative, 42:

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

Voting in the negative, 0.

Present and not voting, 5:

Dover	Dungan	Guereca	Holdcroft	McKinney
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Excused and not voting, 2:

Bostar	Hunt
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The appointment was confirmed with 42 ayes, 0 nays, 5 present and not voting, and 2 excused and not voting.

**COMMITTEE REPORT(S)**

Government, Military and Veterans Affairs

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 166.** Placed on General File with amendment.

[AM612](#)

1 1. Strike the original sections and insert the following new  
2 sections:  
3 Section 1. Section 23-3211, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is  
4 amended to read:  
5 23-3211 (1) Unless requested in writing, the county assessor, ~~and~~  
6 register of deeds, ~~and county treasurer~~ shall withhold from the public  
7 the residential address of a law enforcement officer, a member of the  
8 Nebraska National Guard acting pursuant to subdivision (3) of section  
9 55-182, or a judge who applies to the county assessor in the county of  
10 his or her residence. The application shall be in a form prescribed by  
11 the county assessor and shall include the applicant's name and address

12 and the parcel identification number for his or her residential address.  
 13 A law enforcement officer shall include in the application his or her law  
 14 enforcement identification number. A member of the Nebraska National  
 15 Guard shall include in the application proof of his or her status as a  
 16 member, in a manner prescribed by the county assessor. A judge shall  
 17 include in the application the name of the specific court of which he or  
 18 she is a judge. The county assessor shall notify the register of deeds  
 19 and county treasurer regarding the receipt of a complete application. The  
 20 county assessor, ~~and the register of deeds, and county treasurer~~ shall  
 21 withhold the address of a law enforcement officer, member of the Nebraska  
 22 National Guard, or judge who complies with this section for five years  
 23 after receipt of a complete application. The officer, member, or judge  
 24 may renew his or her application every five years upon submission of an  
 25 updated application.

26 (2) For purposes of this section, judge includes the judge or  
 27 magistrate judge of any court located in this state, including any county  
 1 court, any district court, the Court of Appeals, the Nebraska Workers'  
 2 Compensation Court, any separate juvenile court, the Supreme Court, and  
 3 any federal court.

4 Sec. 2. Section 24-814, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is  
 5 amended to read:

6 24-814 (1) Any judicial officeholder, subject to the terms of  
 7 sections 24-813 to 24-818, who desires to continue in office for an  
 8 additional term, shall indicate his or her desire in this respect in  
 9 writing filed with the Secretary of State, on or before August 1  
 10 immediately preceding the expiration of his or her term in office, and  
 11 shall request in writing that the Secretary of State submit to the  
 12 electorate of the appropriate district or area, the question of his or  
 13 her right to be retained in office for an additional term.

14 (2) Any written request filed with the Secretary of State shall not  
 15 be a public record pursuant to section 84-712.01 and shall not be subject  
 16 to disclosure under sections 84-712 to 84-712.09 or any other provision  
 17 of law, except that the Secretary of State shall electronically publish a  
 18 list, that includes the judicial officeholder's name and respective  
 19 district or area of the state served, of judicial officeholders who have  
 20 filed for retention in that calendar year.

21 Sec. 3. Section 32-607, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement,  
 22 2024, is amended to read:

23 32-607 (1)(a) All candidate filing forms shall contain the following  
 24 statement: I hereby swear that I will abide by the laws of the State of  
 25 Nebraska regarding the results of the primary and general elections, that  
 26 I am a registered voter and qualified to be elected, and that I will  
 27 serve if elected. Candidate filing forms shall also contain the following  
 28 information regarding the candidate: Name, as provided under subdivision  
 29 (b) of this subsection; residence address; mailing address if different  
 30 from the residence address; telephone number; office sought; party  
 31 affiliation if the office sought is a partisan office; a statement as to  
 1 whether or not civil penalties are owed pursuant to the Nebraska  
 2 Political Accountability and Disclosure Act; and, if civil penalties are  
 3 owed, whether or not a surety bond has been filed pursuant to subdivision  
 4 (4)(b) of section 32-602. An email address shall also be included on the  
 5 filing form as an optional field.

6 (b) The name contained on a candidate filing form shall be the name  
 7 by which the candidate is generally known in the community and by which  
 8 the candidate is distinguished from others and shall not contain titles,  
 9 characterizations, or designations.

10 (2) Candidate filing forms shall be filed with the following filing  
 11 officers:

12 (a) For candidates for national, state, or congressional office,  
 13 directors of public power and irrigation districts, directors of

14 reclamation districts, directors of natural resources districts,  
 15 directors of metropolitan utilities districts, members of the boards of  
 16 educational service units, members of governing boards of community  
 17 colleges, delegates to national conventions, and other offices filled by  
 18 election held in more than one county ~~and judges desiring retention~~, in  
 19 the office of the Secretary of State;  
 20 (b) For officers elected within a county, in the office of the  
 21 election commissioner or county clerk;  
 22 (c) For officers in school districts which include land in adjoining  
 23 counties, in the office of the election commissioner or county clerk of  
 24 the county in which the greatest number of registered voters entitled to  
 25 vote for the officers reside; and  
 26 (d) For city or village officers, in the office of the election  
 27 commissioner or county clerk.  
 28 (3) Objections to the name of a candidate submitted on a candidate  
 29 filing form may be made and passed upon in the same manner as objections  
 30 to a candidate filing form pursuant to section 32-624.  
 31 Sec. 4. Original sections 23-3211 and 24-814, Reissue Revised  
 1 Statutes of Nebraska, and section 32-607, Revised Statutes Cumulative  
 2 Supplement, 2024, are repealed.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 346.** Placed on General File with amendment.  
[AM492](#) is available in the Bill Room.

(Signed) Rita Sanders, Chairperson

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

Senator Riepe filed the following amendment to [LB41](#):  
[AM637](#)

(Amendments to Final Reading copy)

- 1 1. Insert the following new section:
- 2 Sec. 2. It is the intent of the Legislature that the cost of a
- 3 serological test for syphilis pursuant to section 71-502.03 for an
- 4 individual covered under the Medical Assistance Act, when such test was
- 5 not covered under the act prior to the effective date of this act, shall
- 6 be paid from the Medicaid Managed Care Excess Profit Fund pursuant to
- 7 section 68-996 and federal funds.
- 8 2. On page 1, line 3, after the semicolon insert "to state intent
- 9 regarding payment for certain blood tests;".
- 10 3. Renumber the remaining section accordingly.

#### **GENERAL FILE**

**LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 25CA.** Speaker Arch requested to pass  
 over LR25CA.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 376.** Title read. Considered.

Committee [AM411](#), found on page 640, was offered.

Senator M. Cavanaugh offered the following motion:  
[MO86](#)  
 Recommit to the Health and Human Services Committee.

Pending.

**COMMITTEE REPORT(S)**  
Transportation and Telecommunications

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 175.** Placed on General File.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 490.** Placed on General File.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 120.** Placed on General File with amendment.

[AM247](#)

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

3 Section 1. Section 60-484.02, Revised Statutes Cumulative

4 Supplement, 2024, is amended to read:

5 60-484.02 (1) Each applicant for an operator's license or state  
6 identification card shall have his or her digital image captured. Digital  
7 images shall be preserved for use as prescribed in sections 60-4,119,  
8 60-4,151, and 60-4,180. The images shall be used for issuing operators'  
9 licenses and state identification cards. The images may be retrieved only  
10 by the Department of Motor Vehicles for issuing renewal and replacement  
11 operators' licenses and state identification cards and may not be  
12 otherwise released except in accordance with subsection (3) of this  
13 section.

14 (2) Upon application for an operator's license or state  
15 identification card, each applicant shall provide his or her signature in  
16 a form prescribed by the department. Digital signatures shall be  
17 preserved for use on original, renewal, and replacement operators'  
18 licenses and state identification cards and may not be otherwise released  
19 except in accordance with subsection (4) of this section.

20 ~~(3)(a)(3)~~ No officer, employee, agent, or contractor of the  
21 department or law enforcement officer shall release a digital image  
22 except:

23 (i) ~~To (a) to~~ a federal, state, or local law enforcement agency, a  
24 certified law enforcement officer employed in an investigative position  
25 by a federal, state, or local agency, or a driver licensing agency of  
26 another state for the purpose of carrying out the functions of the agency  
27 or assisting another agency in carrying out its functions upon the  
1 verification of the identity of the person requesting the release of the  
2 information and the verification of the purpose of the requester in  
3 requesting the release;

4 (ii) ~~To or (b) to~~ the office of the Secretary of State for the  
5 purpose of voter registration and voter identification as prescribed in  
6 the Election Act upon the verification of the identity of the person  
7 requesting the release of the information and the verification of the  
8 purpose of the requester in requesting the release; ~~or~~;

9 (iii) To the Nebraska State Patrol in order to be posted on the  
10 Nebraska State Patrol Missing Persons Clearinghouse website if the  
11 portrayed individual has been deemed missing and cannot be located. The  
12 Nebraska State Patrol and the Department of Motor Vehicles may enter into  
13 an agreement for the release, use, protection, storage, and retention of  
14 such digital images in accordance with this section and the Uniform Motor  
15 Vehicle Records Disclosure Act. The Nebraska State Patrol shall do the  
16 following relating to digital images that are released to the Nebraska  
17 State Patrol:

18 (A) Carry out protection protocols to prevent the fraudulent use of  
19 such digital images;

20 (B) Create, and update as necessary, security measures for the  
21 access, storage, and retention of such digital images; and

22 (C) Remove any such digital image from the Nebraska State Patrol  
 23 Missing Persons Clearinghouse website within three business days after  
 24 the Nebraska State Patrol is notified that the individual portrayed in  
 25 such digital image has been located.

26 (b) No employee or official in the office of the Secretary of State  
 27 shall release a digital image except to a federal, state, or local law  
 28 enforcement agency, a certified law enforcement officer employed in an  
 29 investigative position by a federal, state, or local agency, or a driver  
 30 licensing agency of another state for the purpose of carrying out the  
 31 functions of the agency or assisting another agency in carrying out its  
 1 functions upon the verification of the identity of the person requesting  
 2 the release of the information and the verification of the purpose of the  
 3 requester in requesting the release.

4 (c) Any officer, employee, agent, or contractor of the department,  
 5 law enforcement officer, or employee or official in the office of the  
 6 Secretary of State that knowingly discloses or knowingly permits  
 7 disclosure of a digital image in violation of this section shall be  
 8 guilty of a Class I misdemeanor.

9 (4)(a)(4) No officer, employee, agent, or contractor of the  
 10 department or law enforcement officer shall release a digital signature  
 11 except:

12 (i) To ~~(a)~~ to a federal, state, or local law enforcement agency, a  
 13 certified law enforcement officer employed in an investigative position  
 14 by a federal, state, or local agency, or a driver licensing agency of  
 15 another state for the purpose of carrying out the functions of the agency  
 16 or assisting another agency in carrying out its functions upon the  
 17 verification of the identity of the person requesting the release of the  
 18 information and the verification of the purpose of the requester in  
 19 requesting the release; or

20 (ii) To ~~(b)~~ to the office of the Secretary of State for the purpose  
 21 of voter registration and voter identification as prescribed in the  
 22 Election Act upon the verification of the identity of the person  
 23 requesting the release of the information and the verification of the  
 24 purpose of the requester in requesting the release.

25 (b) No employee or official in the office of the Secretary of State  
 26 shall release a digital signature except to a federal, state, or local  
 27 law enforcement agency, a certified law enforcement officer employed in  
 28 an investigative position by a federal, state, or local agency, or a  
 29 driver licensing agency of another state for the purpose of carrying out  
 30 the functions of the agency or assisting another agency in carrying out  
 31 its functions upon the verification of the identity of the person  
 1 requesting the release of the information and the verification of the  
 2 purpose of the requester in requesting the release.

3 (c) Any officer, employee, agent, or contractor of the department,  
 4 law enforcement officer, or employee or official in the office of the  
 5 Secretary of State that knowingly discloses or knowingly permits  
 6 disclosure of a digital signature in violation of this section shall be  
 7 guilty of a Class I misdemeanor.

8 (5) The department shall develop a process for the release of  
 9 digital images to the Secretary of State for the purpose of voter  
 10 identification as prescribed by the Election Act. The process shall  
 11 include proper measures for access, security, storage, and retention of  
 12 the digital image and verification of the release of the digital image to  
 13 any officer, agent, or contractor of the Secretary of State. The  
 14 Secretary of State and the department shall enter into an agreement for  
 15 the release, use, protection, storage, and retention of digital images as  
 16 prescribed under this section and the Uniform Motor Vehicle Records  
 17 Disclosure Act. The department may adopt and promulgate rules and  
 18 regulations to carry out this subsection.

19 Sec. 2. Original section 60-484.02, Revised Statutes Cumulative  
20 Supplement, 2024, is repealed.

(Signed) Mike Moser, Chairperson

Urban Affairs

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 287.** Placed on General File with amendment.  
[AM608](#) is available in the Bill Room.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 531.** Placed on General File with amendment.  
[AM397](#)

1 1. On page 2, line 19, after "section" insert "except that the  
2 department shall not be required to review building plans and  
3 specifications upon evidence that the building plans and specifications  
4 have previously been reviewed by a county, city, or village enforcing a  
5 local building or construction code adopted pursuant to section 71-6406  
6 if such local building or construction code includes the requirements of  
7 the 2018 International Energy Conservation Code"; and in line 20 strike  
8 "its", show as stricken, and insert "any".

(Signed) Terrell McKinney, Chairperson

Natural Resources

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 548.** Placed on General File with amendment.  
[AM664](#)

1 1. Strike the original section and insert the following new section:  
2 Section 1. (1) The Legislature declares that the purpose of this  
3 section is to allow each political subdivision that owns and operates a  
4 natural gas system to engage in tax-exempt natural gas supply  
5 transactions as described in section 148(b)(4) of the Internal Revenue  
6 Code and 26 C.F.R. 1.148-1(e)(2)(iii), as such section and regulation  
7 existed on January 1, 2024, that benefit the political subdivision and  
8 its taxpayers as well as the counterparty to the transactions.  
9 (2) Any political subdivision which owns and operates a natural gas  
10 system may enter into a contract to sell natural gas to any industrial  
11 consumer of natural gas whose facilities are located in the State of  
12 Nebraska within two hundred miles of such political subdivision and  
13 require at least three billion British thermal units of natural gas per  
14 day on an average day. The term of the contract shall be for at least two  
15 years, not including renewable terms. Such contract shall not pose an  
16 unreasonable financial risk to the political subdivision or its  
17 taxpayers, as determined by the political subdivision's governing board.  
18 Such industrial consumer shall not be a consumer of any investor-owned or  
19 governmentally owned gas system with respect to the contract to receive  
20 service or natural gas at the time such contract is entered into. During  
21 the term of the contract, the location of such facility shall be  
22 considered within the service area of such political subdivision's  
23 natural gas distribution system for purposes of the contract.

(Signed) Tom Brandt, Chairperson

## REFERENCE COMMITTEE REPORT

The Legislative Council Executive Board submits the following report:

Stinson, J Chris - State Racing and Gaming Commission - General Affairs  
 Thurber, Katie - Commissioner - Department of Labor - Business and Labor

(Signed) Ben Hansen, Chairperson  
 Executive Board

### AMENDMENT(S) - Print in Journal

Senator DeKay filed the following amendment to LB230:  
AM689

(Amendments to AM381)

- 1 1. Insert the following new section:
- 2 Sec. 16. (1) For purposes of this section:
- 3 (a) Delivery sale has the same meaning as in section 28-1418.01;
- 4 (b) Flavored nitrous oxide product means a nitrous oxide product:
- 5 (i) Having the taste or smell of any food, including, but not
- 6 limited to, any fruit, candy, dessert, alcoholic beverage, herb, or
- 7 spice, that is distinguishable by an ordinary consumer either prior to or
- 8 during consumption or use of the product;
- 9 (ii) That is marketed as having the taste or smell of any food,
- 10 including, but not limited to, any fruit, candy, dessert, alcoholic
- 11 beverage, herb, or spice; or
- 12 (iii) Regarding which the manufacturer, seller, or any person
- 13 authorized by, or acting with the consent of, the manufacturer or seller,
- 14 has made a public statement or claim, whether express or implied, that
- 15 such product has the taste or smell of any food, including, but not
- 16 limited to, any fruit, candy, dessert, alcoholic beverage, herb, or
- 17 spice; and
- 18 (c) Nitrous oxide product means a cartridge, cylinder, or tank
- 19 containing nitrous oxide.
- 20 (2) A business entity or corporation shall not sell, including by
- 21 delivery sale, offer for sale, give, furnish, or distribute to any
- 22 consumer in this state a nitrous oxide product or flavored nitrous oxide
- 23 product or willingly allow such products to be taken from such business
- 24 entity or corporation by any person. This subsection does not apply to a
- 25 nitrous oxide product, other than a flavored nitrous oxide product, that:
- 26 (a) Has been denatured or otherwise rendered unfit for human
- 1 consumption for use;
- 2 (b) Is intended for use by a manufacturer as part of a manufacturing
- 3 process or industrial operation;
- 4 (c) Is intended for use for automotive purposes;
- 5 (d) Is prescribed as part of the care or treatment of a disease,
- 6 condition, or injury by a licensed medical or dental practitioner; or
- 7 (e) Is a propellant in food or in food preparation for restaurant,
- 8 food service, or houseware products.
- 9 (3) A business entity or corporation that violates subsection (2) of
- 10 this section shall be subject to:
- 11 (a) A Class II misdemeanor for a first offense;
- 12 (b) A Class I misdemeanor for a second or subsequent offense; and
- 13 (c) A civil penalty of \$2,500 for a first or a subsequent offense.
- 14 (4) All nitrous oxide products or flavored nitrous oxide products
- 15 that are sold, offered for sale, given, or furnished in violation of this
- 16 section are subject to seizure, forfeiture, and destruction. The cost of



17 such seizure, forfeiture, and destruction shall be borne by the person  
 18 from whom the products are seized.  
 19 (5) Any common carrier that knowingly transports nitrous oxide  
 20 products or flavored nitrous oxide products for a business entity or  
 21 corporation that is in violation of subsection (2) of this section is  
 22 guilty of a Class II misdemeanor.  
 23 (6) In addition to any other penalty, a violation of this section  
 24 shall constitute a deceptive trade practice under the Uniform Deceptive  
 25 Trade Practices Act and shall be subject to any remedies or penalties  
 26 available for a violation of such act.  
 27 (7) This section does not apply to the following:  
 28 (a) The shipment of nitrous oxide products or flavored nitrous oxide  
 29 products to a foreign-trade zone that is established under 19 U.S.C. 81a  
 30 et seq., and that is located in this state if the products are from  
 31 outside of this country, were ordered by a distributor in another state,  
 1 and are not distributed in this state; or  
 2 (b) A government employee who is acting in the course of the  
 3 employee's official duties.  
 4 2. Renumber the remaining sections accordingly.  
 5 3. Correct the operative date section so that the section added by  
 6 this amendment becomes operative three calendar months after the  
 7 adjournment of this legislative session.

## RESOLUTION(S)

**LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 72.** Introduced by Dorn, 30; Andersen, 49; Arch, 14; Armendariz, 18; Ballard, 21; Bosn, 25; Brandt, 32; Cavanaugh, M., 6; Clements, 2; Clouse, 37; Conrad, 46; DeBoer, 10; DeKay, 40; Fredrickson, 20; Hallstrom, 1; Hardin, 48; Holdcroft, 36; Hughes, 24; Ibach, 44; Jacobson, 42; Kauth, 31; Lippincott, 34; McKeon, 41; McKinney, 11; Meyer, 17; Moser, 22; Murman, 38; Prokop 27; Quick, 35; Raybould, 28; Riepe, 12; Rountree, 3; Sanders, 45; Sorrentino, 39; Spivey, 13; Wordekemper, 15.

WHEREAS, the Martin Luther Home Society was created in Sterling, Nebraska, on October 20, 1925, and educates children with intellectual and developmental disabilities; and

WHEREAS, Martin Luther Home survived through the Great Depression, World War II, and many other challenges because of the kindness and generosity of Nebraskans who worked endless hours to give produce, farm goods and donations supporting the school's residents and staff; and

WHEREAS, those same generous and giving people helped build a new, state-of-the-art home and school for the children in Beatrice, Nebraska, which opened in 1956; and

WHEREAS, the organization's reputation for quality education and innovation spread, and the Martin Luther Home Society was invited to share their work in other states; and

WHEREAS, in 2003, Martin Luther Home Society joined with Bethphage Inner Mission Society, also founded in Nebraska, to form Mosaic, the largest faith-based provider of services for people with intellectual and developmental disabilities in the United States; and

WHEREAS, the one-hundred-year anniversary of the founding of the Martin Luther Home Society will be celebrated by Mosaic this year.

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

1. That the Legislature recognizes Mosaic for continuing the mission of its founding organizations Martin Luther Home Society and Bethphage Inner Mission Society to love and serve people with intellectual and developmental disabilities across Nebraska and in eleven other states.

Laid over.

#### GENERAL FILE

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 376.** Committee [AM411](#), found on page 640, and considered in this day's Journal, was renewed.

Senator M. Cavanaugh renewed [MO86](#), found and considered in this day's Journal, to recommit to the Health and Human Services Committee.

#### SPEAKER ARCH PRESIDING

Pending.

#### RESOLUTION(S)

Pursuant to Rule 4, Sec. 5(b), LRs 64, 65, and 66 were adopted.

#### SPEAKER SIGNED

While the Legislature was in session and capable of transacting business, the Speaker signed the following: LRs 64, 65, and 66.

#### GENERAL FILE

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#### MESSAGE(S) FROM THE GOVERNOR

March 17, 2025

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

Dear Mr. Metzler:

Engrossed Legislative Bills 241, 247e, 286, 289, 377, 396, and 593 were received in my office on March 13, 2025, and signed on March 17, 2025.

These bills were delivered to the Secretary of State on March 17, 2025.

Sincerely,  
(Signed) Jim Pillen  
Governor

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

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 22.** Placed on Final Reading with the attached statement.

[ST10](#)

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

1. In the Raybould amendment, AM348, on page 2, line 2, "evidenced-based" has been struck and "evidence-based" inserted.
2. On page 1, line 1, "the Medical Assistance Act" has been struck and "public health and welfare" inserted; in line 3, "to adopt the Family Home Visitation Act;" has been inserted after the semicolon; and in line 4 "evidenced-based" has been struck and "evidence-based" inserted.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 34.** Placed on Final Reading.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 123.** Placed on Final Reading with the attached statement.

[ST11](#)

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

1. On page 1 the matter beginning with "political" in line 1 through line 5 has been struck and "political subdivisions; to amend sections 13-522 and 19-2907, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, and section 13-3407, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024; to change provisions relating to withholding money due to the noncompliance of certain political subdivisions regarding budget limits, form submissions relating to property tax request authority and unused property tax request authority, and annual audits; and to repeal the original sections." inserted.
2. On page 4, line 16, "and section 13-3407, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024," has been inserted after the comma.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 297.** Placed on Final Reading.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 302.** Placed on Final Reading.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 373.** Placed on Final Reading.

(Signed) Dunixi Guereca, Chairperson

Agriculture

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 246.** Placed on General File with amendment.

[AM226](#)

- 1 1. Strike original section 3 and insert the following new section:
- 2 Sec. 3. Cultivated-protein food product means a food product having

3 one or more sensory attributes that resemble a type of tissue originating  
 4 from an agricultural food animal but that, in lieu of being derived from  
 5 meat processing, is derived from manufacturing cells, including processes  
 6 in which one or more stem cells that were initially isolated from an  
 7 agricultural food animal, are grown in vitro, and may be manipulated, as  
 8 part of a manufacturing operation.

(Signed) Barry DeKay, Chairperson

### AMENDMENT(S) - Print in Journal

Senator von Gillern filed the following amendment to LB650:  
AM690

- 1 1. Strike original sections 2, 6, 8, 10, 11, 12, 20, 21, 24, 26, and
- 2 27.
- 3 2. On page 87, line 23, strike "4, 5, 6, 7, and 35" and insert "3,
- 4 4, 5, and 24".
- 5 3. On page 88, line 4, strike the first comma and insert "and"; and
- 6 strike beginning with "77-7017" in line 4 through "77-7022;" in line 5.
- 7 4. Renumber the remaining sections and correct the repealer
- 8 accordingly.

### NOTICE OF COMMITTEE HEARING(S)

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

Wednesday, March 26, 2025

David Wolf - Nebraska Tourism Commission  
 David Fudge - Nebraska Tourism Commission  
 Paul Younes - Nebraska Tourism Commission  
 Courtney Dentlinger - Nebraska Tourism Commission  
 Josh Moenning - Nebraska Tourism Commission  
 Robert Sabin - Nebraska Tourism Commission  
 Rachel Kreikemeier - Nebraska Tourism Commission  
 Roger Kuhn - Nebraska Tourism Commission

Room 1507 1:30 PM

Thursday, March 27, 2025

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 LB629

(Signed) Rita Sanders, Chairperson

### RESOLUTION(S)

**LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 73.** Introduced by Cavanaugh, J., 9;  
 Brandt, 32; Cavanaugh, M., 6; DeBoer, 10; Dungan, 26; Hunt, 8; Juarez, 5;  
 Riepe, 12; Spivey, 13.

WHEREAS, the University of Nebraska at Omaha Mavericks softball team won its second consecutive Summit League Tournament Championship in 2024; and

WHEREAS, for the first time in program history, the Mavericks reached the regional final of the 2024 NCAA women's softball tournament; and

WHEREAS, the Mavericks coach Mike Heard, now in his fourth season, has set a standard of excellence at the University of Nebraska Omaha since arriving in 2022; and

WHEREAS, the student athletes of the Mavericks women's softball team are a source of pride for the university and the Omaha community; and

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

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

1. That the Legislature recognizes the hard work and dedication of the University of Nebraska at Omaha Mavericks softball team and congratulates them on their second consecutive Summit League Tournament Championship title.

2. That a copy of this resolution be sent to the University of Nebraska Omaha Mavericks softball team.

Laid over.

### **VISITOR(S)**

Visitors to the Chamber were Tera Thoms, Lincoln; Claire Savage, Omaha; Jay Jackson; students from Summerland Public School, Ewing; students from Madison High School, Madison; students from North Star High School, Lincoln; Home School students, Lincoln; Ella Kathryn Anderson, Scottsbluff; Irene Anderson and Mark Anderson Scottsbluff.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

At 11:55 a.m., on a motion by Senator McKinney, the Legislature adjourned until 9:00 a.m., Tuesday, March 18, 2025.

Brandon Metzler  
Clerk of the Legislature

