

**FIFTY-FIFTH DAY - APRIL 2, 2025****LEGISLATIVE JOURNAL****ONE HUNDRED NINTH LEGISLATURE  
FIRST SESSION****FIFTY-FIFTH DAY**

Legislative Chamber, Lincoln, Nebraska  
Wednesday, April 2, 2025

**PRAYER**

The prayer was offered by Senator Rountree.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

The Pledge of Allegiance was offered by Senator McKeon.

**ROLL CALL**

Pursuant to adjournment, the Legislature met at 9:00 a.m., President Kelly presiding.

The roll was called and all members were present except Senator Guereca who was excused; and Senators Armendariz, Bosn, Bostar, Conrad, Dover, Hughes, Hunt, Jacobsen, McKinney, and Spivey who were excused until they arrive.

**CORRECTIONS FOR THE JOURNAL**

The Journal for the fifty-fourth day was approved.

**RESOLUTION(S)**

Pursuant to Rule 4, Sec. 5(b), LRs 87 and 88 were adopted.

**PRESIDENT SIGNED**

While the Legislature was in session and capable of transacting business, the President signed the following: LRs 87 and 88.

**GENERAL FILE**

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 646.** Title read. Considered.

Committee [AM638](#), found on page 822, was offered.

Senator Ibach asked unanimous consent to withdraw [FA52](#), found on page 828, to the committee amendment, and replace it with substitute amendment [AM829](#), found on page 935, to the committee amendment.

Senator Storer objected.

Senator Ibach offered the following motion:

[MO151](#)

Withdraw FA52 and substitute AM829.

Senator Storer requested a roll call vote on the motion to withdraw and substitute.

Senator DeKay moved for a call of the house. The motion prevailed with 30 ayes, 2 nays, and 17 not voting.

Voting in the affirmative, 27:

|          |             |           |            |             |
|----------|-------------|-----------|------------|-------------|
| Andersen | Clouse      | Holdcroft | Murman     | Storm       |
| Arch     | Dorn        | Hughes    | Prokop     | von Gillern |
| Ballard  | Fredrickson | Ibach     | Raybould   | Wordekemper |
| Bosn     | Hallstrom   | Kauth     | Riepe      |             |
| Bostar   | Hansen      | Lonowski  | Sanders    |             |
| Brandt   | Hardin      | Moser     | Sorrentino |             |

Voting in the negative, 2:

McKeon      Meyer

Present and not voting, 12:

|               |        |          |          |
|---------------|--------|----------|----------|
| Cavanaugh, J. | DeBoer | Juarez   | Rountree |
| Cavanaugh, M. | DeKay  | McKinney | Spivey   |
| Conrad        | Dungan | Quick    | Storer   |

Excused and not voting, 8:

|            |         |          |            |
|------------|---------|----------|------------|
| Armendariz | Dover   | Hunt     | Lippincott |
| Clements   | Guereca | Jacobson | Strommen   |

The Ibach motion to withdraw and substitute prevailed with 27 ayes, 2 nays, 12 present and not voting, and 8 excused and not voting.

The Chair declared the call raised.

Senator Ibach offered [AM829](#), found on page 935, to the committee amendment.

Pending.

**COMMITTEE REPORT(S)**  
Judiciary

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 559.** Placed on General File with amendment.  
[AM731](#) is available in the Bill Room.

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

Senator Sanders filed the following amendment to [LB647](#):  
[FA80](#)  
Strike Section 1.

Senator Ballard filed the following amendment to [LB179](#):  
[FA81](#)  
Strike the enacting clause.

Senator Arch filed the following amendment to [LB346](#):  
[AM821](#)

(Amendments to Standing Committee amendments, AM492)

- 1 1. Strike sections 40, 41, 69, 70, 74, and 78 to 81 and insert the
- 2 following new sections:
- 3 Sec. 73. Section 76 of this act becomes operative on July 1, 2026.
- 4 The other sections of this act become operative on their effective date.
- 5 Sec. 74. Original sections 2-1801, 2-1803, 2-1826, 2-4901, 2-5001,
- 6 2-5003, 20-506, 38-204, 38-205, 38-308, 38-310, 38-605, 38-703, 38-904,
- 7 38-2213, 38-2214, 38-2306, 58-202, 66-1605, 66-1618, 71-705, 71-706,
- 8 71-814, 71-815, 71-2454.01, 71-5311, 71-7102, 71-7107, 71-7108, 71-7109,
- 9 71-7110, 72-811, 72-812, 72-2101, 81-1108.41, 81-1348, 81-1430, 81-1431,
- 10 81-15,159.01, 81-15,210, 81-15,238, 81-15,245, 81-15,246, 82-703, 82-706,
- 11 85-1008, 85-1607, 85-1643, 86-511, 86-516, 86-521, 86-1101, 86-1102, and
- 12 86-1103, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, and sections 38-167,
- 13 38-2120, 38-2216, 39-2106, 39-2301.01, 39-2304, 43-3401, 43-4001,
- 14 43-4203, 43-4216, 43-4406, 43-4513, 66-2001, 71-702, 71-5301, 71-5310,
- 15 and 71-7012, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024, are repealed.
- 16 Sec. 75. The following sections are outright repealed: Sections
- 17 2-4201, 2-4202, 2-4203, 2-4204, 2-4205, 2-4206, 2-4207, 2-4208, 2-4209,
- 18 2-4210, 2-4211, 2-4212, 2-4213, 2-4214, 2-4215, 2-4216, 2-4217, 2-4218,
- 19 2-4219, 2-4220, 2-4221, 2-4222, 2-4223, 2-4224, 2-4225, 2-4226, 2-4227,
- 20 2-4228, 2-4229, 2-4230, 2-4231, 2-4232, 2-4233, 2-4234, 2-4235, 2-4236,
- 21 2-4237, 2-4238, 2-4239, 2-4240, 2-4241, 2-4242, 2-4243, 2-4244, 2-4245,
- 22 2-4246, 38-2307, 43-4003, 50-601, 50-602, 50-603, 66-1617, 71-4501,
- 23 71-4502, 71-4503, 71-4504, and 81-15,239, Reissue Revised Statutes of
- 24 Nebraska, and section 43-1306, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement,
- 25 2024.
- 26 Sec. 76. The following sections are outright repealed: Sections
- 1 38-206, 71-7105, and 71-7106, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska.
- 2 2. On page 14, after line 3 insert the following new subdivision:
- 3 "(a) Establish standards for integrated practice agreements between
- 4 collaborating physicians and certified nurse midwives."; in line 4 strike
- 5 "(a)" and insert "(b)"; in line 7 strike "(b)" and insert "(c)"; in line
- 6 11 strike "(c)" and insert "(d)"; and in line 16 strike "(d)" and insert
- 7 "(e)".
- 8 3. On page 34, strike beginning with the comma in line 27 through
- 9 the last comma in line 28 and show the old matter as stricken.
- 10 4. Renumber the remaining sections accordingly.

**ANNOUNCEMENT**

Senator Ballard announced the Nebraska Retirement Systems Committee will meet on Thursday, April 3, 2025, at 2:00 p.m. instead of 12:00 pm.

**VISITOR(S)**

Visitors to the Chamber were John Cook, President Jeffrey Gold, Chris Kratochvil, and Ryan Rothman – University of Nebraska; students from Hitchcock County FFA, Trenton; students and teachers from Schuyler FFA, Schuyler; students from across Nebraska on their Sophomore Pilgrimage; students from Skyline Elementary, Elkhorn.

**RECESS**

At 12:00 p.m., on a motion by Senator Dorn, the Legislature recessed until 1:30 p.m.

**AFTER RECESS**

The Legislature reconvened at 1:30 p.m., Speaker Arch presiding.

**ROLL CALL**

The roll was called and all members were present except Senators Guereca and Spivey who were excused; and Senators Clements, Conrad, Dover, Hansen, Hardin, Hughes, Kauth, and Prokop who were excused until they arrive.

**COMMITTEE REPORT(S)**

Banking, Commerce and Insurance

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 536.** Placed on General File with amendment.

**[AM756](#)**

- 1 1. Strike the original sections and insert the following new
- 2 sections:
- 3 Section 1. Sections 1 to 7 of this act shall be known and may be
- 4 cited as the Manufacturing Modernization and Workforce Development Pilot
- 5 Investment Act.
- 6 Sec. 2. The purpose of the Manufacturing Modernization and
- 7 Workforce Development Pilot Investment Act is to:
- 8 (1) Provide one-time grants to eligible manufacturing operations for
- 9 new and existing capital investments that will increase or lead to the
- 10 adoption and integration of smart technologies and increased
- 11 productivity; and
- 12 (2) Provide a positive economic impact in the State of Nebraska.
- 13 Sec. 3. For purposes of the Manufacturing Modernization and
- 14 Workforce Development Pilot Investment Act:
- 15 (1) Department means the Department of Labor;
- 16 (2) Eligible manufacturing operation means a manufacturer of goods
- 17 at a facility located in this state that:

18 (a) Has a North American Industry Classification System number  
 19 within the manufacturing sector range of 31 to 33;

20 (b) Has been an established business for a minimum of three years  
 21 prior to the date of application for the grant;

22 (c) Derives a minimum of fifty-one percent of the manufacturer's  
 23 gross revenue from the sale of manufactured goods;

24 (d) Employs a minimum of three full-time employees; and

25 (e) Demonstrates the ability to provide private matching financial  
 26 support for the manufacturer's manufacturing modernization investment  
 27 project on a one-to-one basis;

1 (3) Manufacturing modernization investment project means a project  
 2 that is intended to lead to the adoption and integration of smart  
 3 technologies into existing manufacturing operations located in the state  
 4 by mitigating the risk to the manufacturer of significant technology  
 5 investments. Manufacturing modernization investment project includes, but  
 6 is not limited to, an investment in the following that are intended to  
 7 assist a manufacturer in increasing the manufacturer's productivity,  
 8 efficiency, and competitiveness;

9 (a) Job training; and

10 (b) Specialized hardware, software, or other equipment; and

11 (4) Private matching financial support means any financial support  
 12 derived from a source other than a direct appropriation from the State of  
 13 Nebraska or its political subdivisions.

14 Sec. 4. (1) Beginning October 1, 2025, through November 1, 2026, an  
 15 eligible manufacturing operation may apply to the department for a grant.  
 16 The application shall include, but not be limited to, the following  
 17 information:

18 (a) A description of the manufacturing modernization investment  
 19 project;

20 (b) The estimated cost of the manufacturing modernization investment  
 21 project; and

22 (c) Documentation on the amount of private matching financial  
 23 support available for the manufacturing modernization investment project  
 24 that has been received or will be received by the eligible manufacturing  
 25 operation. Such amount shall be at least equal to the amount of any grant  
 26 received under the act. The documentation provided under this subdivision  
 27 does not need to identify any provider of private matching financial  
 28 support.

29 (2) The department shall consider applications in the order in which  
 30 they are received. If an applicant is an eligible manufacturing operation  
 31 and otherwise qualifies for a grant, the department shall, subject to  
 1 subsection (3) of this section, approve the application and notify the  
 2 applicant of the approval.

3 (3) The department may approve applications within the limits of  
 4 available funding under the Manufacturing Modernization and Workforce  
 5 Development Pilot Investment Act. The amount of any grant approved shall  
 6 be equal to the amount of money supplied by the eligible manufacturing  
 7 operation from providers of private matching financial support, as  
 8 documented under subdivision (1)(c) of this section, except that no grant  
 9 shall be for more than fifty thousand dollars.

10 Sec. 5. (1) The department shall not approve an application for a  
 11 manufacturing modernization investment project that was commenced prior  
 12 to the date of the application.

13 (2) Any eligible manufacturing operation that no longer meets the  
 14 requirements of subdivision (2) of section 3 of this act shall repay any  
 15 grant funds received under the Manufacturing Modernization and Workforce  
 16 Development Pilot Investment Act.

17 Sec. 6. The department may award up to two hundred fifty thousand  
 18 dollars in grants from the Workforce Development Program Cash Fund for  
 19 purposes of carrying out the Manufacturing Modernization and Workforce

20 Development Pilot Investment Act.

21 Sec. 7. The department may adopt and promulgate rules and  
 22 regulations to carry out the Manufacturing Modernization and Workforce

23 Development Pilot Investment Act.

24 Sec. 8. Section 81-407, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is  
 25 amended to read:

26 81-407 (1) The Workforce Development Program Cash Fund is hereby

27 created. The fund shall consist of transfers authorized by the

28 Legislature.

29 (2) The Department of Labor shall administer the fund to provide

30 ~~workforce development grants. The fund may be used:~~

31 (a) To provide workforce development grants; and

1 (b) For purposes of the Manufacturing Modernization and Workforce

2 Development Pilot Investment Act.

3 (3) Any money in the fund available for investment shall be invested

4 by the state investment officer pursuant to the Nebraska Capital

5 Expansion Act and the Nebraska State Funds Investment Act.

6 Sec. 9. Original section 81-407, Reissue Revised Statutes of

7 Nebraska, is repealed.

8 Sec. 10. Since an emergency exists, this act takes effect when

9 passed and approved according to law.

(Signed) Mike Jacobson, Chairperson

### GENERAL FILE

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 646.** Committee [AM638](#), found on page 822 and considered in this day's Journal, was renewed.

Senator Ibach renewed [AM829](#), found on page 935 and considered in this day's Journal, to the committee amendment.

Senator Ibach moved for a call of the house. The motion prevailed with 22 ayes, 1 nays, and 26 not voting.

The Ibach amendment, to the committee amendment, was adopted with 31 ayes, 2 nays, 13 present and not voting, 1 absent and not voting, and 2 excused and not voting.

The Chair declared the call raised.

Senator Ibach withdrew [AM762](#), found on page 877, to the committee amendment.

Senator Storer offered [AM810](#), found on page 896, to the committee amendment.

Senator Ibach moved for a call of the house. The motion prevailed with 24 ayes, 0 nays, and 25 not voting.

The Storer amendment, to the committee amendment, lost with 9 ayes, 14 nays, 24 present and not voting, and 2 excused and not voting.

The Chair declared the call raised.

Senator McKeon withdrew [AM796](#), found on page 956, to the committee amendment.

Senator McKeon offered the following amendment, to the committee amendment:

[FA82](#)

In AM638, on page 3, line 5 and page 4, line 19, strike "December 31, 2025" and insert "June 30, 2026". On Page 3, Line 7 and Page 4, Line 21 strike "January" and insert "July".

The McKeon amendment, to the committee amendment, lost with 6 ayes, 9 nays, 32 present and not voting, and 2 excused and not voting.

The committee amendment, as amended, was adopted with 26 ayes, 3 nays, 18 present and not voting, and 2 excused and not voting.

Advanced to Enrollment and Review Initial with 26 ayes, 2 nays, 19 present and not voting, and 2 excused and not voting.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 380.** Title read. Considered.

Committee [AM728](#), found on page 895, was offered.

Senator Bostar offered [AM814](#), found on page 925, to the committee amendment.

The Bostar amendment, to the committee amendment, was adopted with 26 ayes, 0 nays, 21 present and not voting, and 2 excused and not voting.

The committee amendment, as amended, was adopted with 25 ayes, 0 nays, 22 present and not voting, and 2 excused and not voting.

Senator Fredrickson offered the following amendment:

[FA79](#)

In AM728, on page 10, line 19, after "shall:" insert the following new subdivision: "(a) Not reduce department-posted Medicaid rates;"; in line 20 strike "(a)" and insert "(b)"; in line 25 strike "(b)" and insert "(c)"; and in line 27 strike "(c)" and insert "(d)". On page 11, line 1, strike "(d)" and insert "(e)".

The Fredrickson amendment was withdrawn.

Advanced to Enrollment and Review Initial with 32 ayes, 0 nays, 15 present and not voting, and 2 excused and not voting.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 323.** Title read. Considered.

Committee [AM554](#), found on page 852, was offered.

The committee amendment was adopted with 27 ayes, 0 nays, 20 present and not voting, and 2 excused and not voting.

Senator Moser withdrew [AM20](#), found on page 327.

Advanced to Enrollment and Review Initial with 29 ayes, 0 nays, 18 present and not voting, and 2 excused and not voting.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 192.** Title read. Considered.

Senator Quick withdrew [FA68](#), found on page 910.

Senator Quick withdrew [FA69](#), found on page 910.

Advanced to Enrollment and Review Initial with 33 ayes, 0 nays, 13 present and not voting, and 3 excused and not voting.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 332.** Title read. Considered.

Committee [AM729](#), found on page 847, was offered.

Senator Hardin offered [AM828](#), found on page 935, to the committee amendment.

The Hardin amendment, to the committee amendment, was adopted with 28 ayes, 0 nays, 18 present and not voting, and 3 excused and not voting.

The committee amendment, as amended, was adopted with 29 ayes, 0 nays, 17 present and not voting, and 3 excused and not voting.

Advanced to Enrollment and Review Initial with 29 ayes, 0 nays, 17 present and not voting, and 3 excused and not voting.

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

Senator Moser filed the following amendment to [LB398](#):  
[AM842](#) is available in the Bill Room.

#### **COMMITTEE REPORT(S)** General Affairs

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

Nebraska Arts Council:

Karen Harris  
Julie J Jacobson  
Clark Kolterman  
Jeanne Salerno



Aye: 8. Andersen, Cavanaugh, J., Clouse, DeKay, Holdcroft, Quick, Rountree, Storm. Nay: 0. Absent: 0. Present and not voting: 0.

(Signed) Rick Holdcroft, Chairperson

### RESOLUTION(S)

**LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 105.** Introduced by Brandt, 32; Andersen, 49; Arch, 14; Armendariz, 18; Ballard, 21; Bosn, 25; Bostar, 29; Cavanaugh, J., 9; Cavanaugh, M., 6; Clements, 2; Clouse, 37; Conrad, 46; DeBoer, 10; DeKay, 40; Dorn, 30; Dover, 19; Dungan, 26; Fredrickson, 20; Hallstrom, 1; Hansen, 16; Hardin, 48; Holdcroft, 36; Hughes, 24; Hunt, 8; Ibach, 44; Jacobson, 42; Juarez, 5; Kauth, 31; Lippincott, 34; Lonowski, 33; McKeon, 41; McKinney, 11; Meyer, 17; Moser, 22; Murman, 38; Prokop, 27; Quick, 35; Raybould, 28; Riepe, 12; Rountree, 3; Sanders, 45; Sorrentino, 39; Spivey, 13; Storer, 43; Storm, 23; Strommen, 47; von Gillern, 4; Wordekemper, 15.

WHEREAS, Nebraska's electricity is generated by power plants connected to a complex electrical grid consisting of over six thousand miles of transmission and one hundred thousand miles of subtransmission and distribution lines that deliver energy to homes, businesses, hospitals, churches, and schools throughout our state; and

WHEREAS, the electrical grid must be maintained and operated twenty-four hours a day, seven days a week, and three hundred sixty-five days a year despite inclement weather including blizzards, thunderstorms, floods, and other hazards; and

WHEREAS, Nebraska's more than one thousand lineworkers have demonstrated outstanding skill and dedication to their jobs working in hazardous conditions to build, maintain, and repair electric infrastructure; and

WHEREAS, the hardworking lineworkers of Nebraska who leave their families and risk their lives to ensure the reliable delivery of electricity to all citizens of the state are deserving of our respect, gratitude, and honor.

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

1. That the Legislature recognizes the significant contributions and efforts of Nebraska lineworkers who often work in challenging conditions to keep the lights on and expresses its appreciation to all of Nebraska's hard working lineworkers.

2. That the Legislature recognizes April 14, 2025, as Lineworkers Appreciation Day in Nebraska.

Laid over.

### GENERAL FILE

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 317.** Title read. Considered.

Committee [AM711](#), found on page 902, was offered.

**SENATOR DEBOER PRESIDING****SPEAKER ARCH PRESIDING**

The committee amendment was adopted with 30 ayes, 4 nays, 12 present and not voting, and 3 excused and not voting.

Advanced to Enrollment and Review Initial with 31 ayes, 2 nays, 13 present and not voting, and 3 excused and not voting.

**COMMITTEE REPORT(S)**

Enrollment and Review

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 457.** Placed on Final Reading.

(Signed) Dunixi Guereca, Chairperson

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

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

Senator Andersen name added to LB253.

Senator Bosn name added to LB693.

Senator DeKay name added to LR101.

**VISITOR(S)**

Visitors to the Chamber were supporters of the University of Nebraska for "I Love NU" Day; students from Brownell Elementary, Lincoln; students from Fillmore Central FFA; students from Riverside Public School FFA, Cedar Rapids; students and teachers from Paxton FFA, Paxton.

**ADJOURNMENT**

At 5:05 p.m., on a motion by Senator DeBoer, the Legislature adjourned until 9:00 a.m., Thursday, April 3, 2025.

Brandon Metzler  
Clerk of the Legislature