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**KELLY:** Good morning. Welcome to the George W. Norris Legislative Chamber for the second day of the One Hundred Ninth Legislature, First Session. Our chaplain today is Father Augustine Reimers from Blessed Sacrament in Lincoln, Nebraska. Please rise.

**AUGUSTINE REIMERS:** Let us pray. Almighty God, we praise you for your glory and majesty. We thank you for your goodness, which you revealed to us through the abundance of your gifts that you share with us: the gift of our lives, our state, our great country, and of freedom. Bless and protect our soldiers and their families who offer their lives to defend these precious gifts. Lord, we ask today that you would fill this room with your presence. Send your spirit upon your people gathered here. Fill us with a spirit of wisdom and understanding, a spirit of counsel and strength, a spirit of knowledge, and of fear of the Lord. Open our hearts that we may have a deep concern for all, especially the most vulnerable, enlighten our minds so that we may serve the common good in truth. Give us your grace so that we might glorify you and be servants of our fellow man in all that we do today. We make this prayer in your most holy name. Amen.

**KELLY:** I recognize Speaker Arch for the Pledge of Allegiance.

**ARCH:** I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one Nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

**KELLY:** Thank you, Senator and Speaker Arch. I call the second day of the Legislature to order. Senators, please record your presence. Roll call. Mr. Clerk, please record.

**CLERK:** There's a quorum present, Mr. President.

**KELLY:** Do you have any corrections for the Journal?

**CLERK:** I have no corrections this morning, sir.

**KELLY:** Do you have any messages, reports, or announcements?

**CLERK:** I do, Mr. President. A proposed rule change, proposed rule change 1 from Senator McKinney concerning Rule 5, Section 4. That will be printed in the Journal. Additionally, series of gubernatorial appointments to various boards and commissions to be printed in the Journal and the 2024 Interim Study Disposition Report from all standing committees except for the Judiciary Committee. That's all I have at this time, Mr. President.

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**KELLY:** Thank you. Speaker Arch, you're recognized for an announcement.

**ARCH:** Thank you, Mr. President. Colleagues, I have prepared a memo which the pages will be handing out here shortly, and we will also be emailing to your offices. I would encourage you to make sure and your staff that are listening right now, make sure that they use this memo to populate your calendar. Because there's, there's some, there's some changes in-- I should say there's some variety in the first couple of weeks here when we start and some of the other meetings that will, that will be held. So it'll be important to get that onto your calendar. So the memo outlines our start times for the, for the session for the next couple of weeks. And, again, please, please read that carefully. There will be some meetings for standing committee chairs and freshman senators as well as staff members for some training, that type of thing. So be sure again, pay very close attention. This one, in particular, be sure and put it on your calendar. Next Monday, January 13 at 10:30, there is going to be staff training. Excuse me, there's going to be senator training. It is our required sexual harassment training that will take place that Monday morning, all required to attend and, and, and complete that course. So please make sure that you have availability at that time. And so in order to accommodate that and other staff meetings in the morning, we're going to be convening at 1:00 on the 13th. Some of the key dates, public hearings will begin on Wednesday, January 22 and conclude on Friday, March 28. And full-day floor debate will begin then immediately after that when the committees are finished on March 31. Governor Pillen's State of the State address will be January 15. Chief Justice Funke's State of the Judiciary will be January 28. Priority bill deadlines are by adjournment on March 13 to submit to me a Speaker priority bill request later and I'll announce my 25 designations on March 17. Priority bill deadline for committee and senator designations, March 14 prior to adjournment and until all-day floor debate begins, we'll be starting the first day of the work week at 10:00 unless otherwise announced and the other days of the week will be at 9:00 as, as we have customarily done. Finally, I would ask each senator to keep their session-day evenings open beginning April 22 throughout the remainder of the session. Don't know if we'll use all those or, or how we'll do that, but keep-- just keep those open so that they're available in case we need to run late on some of those evenings. So if you have questions, please feel free to contact me or Laurie in my office. One other thing which is often asked and like, what do we do about weather? For those of you who are freshmen here, this is your first year, typically what happens is obviously, you know, we know in advance there's a storm coming or something, we

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will-- we'll monitor that. We'll let, we'll let the body know what we're going to do. A lot of times what we'll do is we'll-- we will have a check-in day and we won't have the-- we won't have all of, of that day's activities, but we use it as a check-in day. We need to have 25 here. But we can, we can cross that bridge when we get to it and maybe we won't have any of those days this year and that would be OK too. So with that, thank you, Mr. President.

**KELLY:** Thank you, Speaker Arch. Senator Lippincott, you are recognized for a message and announcement.

**LIPPINCOTT:** As chair of the Rules Committee, I wanted to share with you the process that we'll be following with respect to the adoption of permanent rules for this biennium, the 2025-2026 biennium. As with the practice last year, all proposed rule changes need to be drafted by the Clerk. Similar to the process requiring all legislation to be drafted by the Bill Drafters' Office, it's my understanding that several members have already made request to Clerk Metzler for proposed rule changes. And if you would like to introduce a proposed rule change, please contact the Clerk to request a rules draft. The deadline to request a rules draft is 1 p.m. today, Thursday, January the 9th to be guaranteed a draft for the introduction on Friday this week. The deadline for introduction of a proposed rule change for consideration by the Rules Committee next week will be prior to adjournment on Friday, this coming Friday, January the 10th. For consideration of a proposed rule change, the proposal needs to be turned into the Clerk to allow it to be printed in the Journal. It's my intention to hold the Rules Committee public hearing on Thursday, 1 week from today, January the 16th, at 1:30 in the afternoon, room yet to be determined. Given the requirement in our rules for public notice prior to Rules Committee holding a public hearing, next week's public hearing will be held only on rule changes introduced prior to adjournment on Friday. Thank you, sir.

**KELLY:** Thank you, Senator Lippincott. Senator Hughes, you are recognized for an announcement.

**HUGHES:** Thank you, Mr. President. So yesterday we had quite a full day and we were not able to have time to-- 71 years ago, someone was born and that is Senator Holdcroft and the-- yes, happy birthday-- and the staff and senators from cellblock 10 have bought you a cake. And if anybody would like a piece of that cake, let one of the pages know and they will bring you a piece of cake for today. So happy birthday, Rick.

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**KELLY:** Thank you, Senator Hughes. Senator Holdcroft has some guests with us today. They are Mary Jo Holdcroft, his wife; Teresa Reese, his sister; and Bill Holdcroft, his brother. Please-- under the south balcony. Please stand and be recognized by your Nebraska Legislature. Senator Brandt would like to announce the physician of the day, Dr. Jeff Wallman of Geneva. Please stand and be recognized by the Nebraska Legislature, Dr. Wallman. Mr. Clerk.

**CLERK:** Thank you, Mr. President. Notice that the Committee on Committees will be meeting in Room 2102 at 11:00. Committee on Committees meeting in Room 2102 at 11:00. That's all I have this time.

**KELLY:** Senators, please bring your new bills forward, it's bill introduction.

**ARCH:** Mr. Clerk, for new bills.

**CLERK:** Thank you, Mr. President. New bill, LB1, introduced by Senator Hansen as chair of the Executive Board. It's 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 of the statewide general election; to repeal the original section; and declare an emergency. Be it enacted by the people of the State of Nebraska. LB2, introduced by Senator Hansen as chair of the Executive Board. It's a bill for an act relating to government; to repeal terminated provisions relating to the Children and Juveniles Data Feasibility Study Advisory Group and the Crimes Against Children Fund, Industrial Recovery Fund, the Medical Cannabinoid 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 30-- 43-1306, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024. Be it enacted by the State of Nebraska. LB3 introduced by Senator Lippincott at the request of the governor. It's a bill for an act relating to presidential electors; to amend Sections 32-710 and 32-714 and 32-1038, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, and Section 32-713, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024; to change provisions relating to the selection of presidential electors; and to repeal the original section. Be it enacted by the people of the State of Nebraska. Section-- LB4, introduced by Senator Bosn. It's a bill for an act relating to telecommunications; to amend Section 86-124, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, and Section 75-109.01,

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Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024; to provide Public Service Commission jurisdiction; to adopt Telecommunications Exchange Deregulation Act; and to repeal the original section. LB5, introduced by Senator Bosn. It's a bill for an act relating to the Uniform Controlled Substances Act; to amend Section 28-470, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024; and to provide for immunity for conduct relating to opioid antagonists; and to provide and eliminate definitions; and to repeal the original section. LB6, introduced by Senator Bosn. It's 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 substance violation resulting in serious bodily injury or death; harmonize provisions; repeal the original section. LB7, introduced by Senator DeKay. It's a bill for an act relating to 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 and villages, manufacturing or industrial establishments, investigations and violations, the civil and criminal immunity; to define and redefine terms; to provide for exceptions and applicability; to harmonize provisions; to provide severability; and repeal the original section. LB8, introduced by Senator Dungan. It's a bill for an act relating to the Sustainable Aviation Fuel Tax Credit Act; amend Sections 77-2715.07, 77-2717, 77-2734.03, 77-7019, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024; to change the first year 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 credit; to harmonize provisions; to repeal the original section. LB9, introduced by Senator Hughes. It's a bill for an acting relating to tobacco and related products; to amend Sections 77-2604, 77-2612, 77-2615.01, and 77-4015, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supp-- Revised Statutes of Nebraska, and Sections 28-1418.01, 59-1523, 69-2705, 69-2709, 69-2710.01, 77-4001, 77-4002, 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 provide-- change provisions relating to notices of deficiency for certain cigarette taxes and under the Tobacco Products 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

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disposal; to provide, to provide for immunity; to provide-- to harmonize provisions; to provide an operative date; and repeal the original section. LB10, introduced by Senator Hughes. It's a bill for an act relating to prescription drugs; to amend Section 17-- 71-7455; to change a records requirement for wholesale drug distributors; to provide for dispensing of prescription drugs to the prescription drug donation program in a state of emergency; and repeal the original section. LB11, introduced by Senator Hughes. It's 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. LB12, introduced by Senator Dungan. It's a bill for an act relating to civil procedure; to amend Section 25-20-- 228, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024; to change the statute of limitations on certain civil actions for sexual assault of a child; repeal the original section. LB11 [SIC--LB13], introduced by Senator Machaela Cavanaugh. It's 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 repeal the original section. LB14, introduced by Senator Machaela Cavanaugh. It's 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 outright repeal Sections 79-10,138 and 79-10,139, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska. That's all I have at this time, Mr. President.

**ARCH:** Mr. Clerk, for new bills.

**CLERK:** Thank you, Mr. President. LB15, introduced by Senator Dungan, is a bill for an act relating to appropriations; state intent regarding appropriations; and declare an emergency. LB16, introduced by Senator John Cavanaugh, is a bill for an act relating to hemp; to amend Sections 53-105, 53-106, 53-110, 53,111, 81-1021, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, and Section 28-1701, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024; to adopt the Nebraska Consumable Hemp Control Act; change provisions relating to immunity for eligible drug offenses, and, and to-- and the Nebraska Liquor Control Commission and its commissioners, executive directors, and employees; to define terms; to provide for unmarked vehicles; to harmonize provisions; to repeal the original section. LB17, introduced by Senator John Cavanaugh, is a bill for an act relating to the Uniform Residential

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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; repeal the original section. LB18, introduced by Senator John Cavanaugh, is a bill for an act relating to the Small Wireless Facilities Deployment Act; to amend Section 86-1236, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; and provide duties for an authority and requirements for a wireless provider as prescribed; and repeal the original section. LB19, introduced by Senator John Cavanaugh, is 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, 14-512 [SIC--4-521], 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, and terms of city council members and mayor; to change provisions relating to primary and general elections; to harmonize provisions; repeal the original section. LB20, introduced by Senator John Cavanaugh. It's 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. LB21, introduced by Senator John Cavanaugh, is a bill for an act relating to real property; to adopt the Uniform Unlawful Restrictions in Land Records Act. LB22, introduced by Senator Dungan, is 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 statewide-- a state plan amendment for evidence-based nurse home visiting services as prescribed; to state intent relating to funding; and to repeal the original section. LB23, introduced by Senator John Cavanaugh. It's 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. That's all I have at this time.

**ARCH:** Mr. Clerk, for items.

**CLERK:** Mr. President, announcement that the Committee on Committees is meeting now in Room 2102. Committee on Committees now in Room 2102. Additionally, a proposed rule change, proposed rule change number 2 from Senator Machaela Cavanaugh, it's a change to Rule 3, Section 4. That will be printed in the Journal.

**ARCH:** Mr. Clerk, new bills.

**ASSISTANT CLERK:** Thank you, Mr. President. New bills. LB24 by Senator John Cavanaugh. A bill for an act relating to criminal procedure; to amend Sections 29-2262.06, 29-2267, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; to change a provision relating to the revocation of probation and waiver of probation fees; and to repeal the original sections. LB25, introduced by Senator Ballard. A bill for an act relating to appropriations; to appropriate funds to the Department of Administrative Services; and to declare an emergency. LB26, introduced by Senator Ballard. 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. LB27, introduced by Senator Ballard. A bill for an act relating to Rural Health Care 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; 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; 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. LB28, introduced by Senator Conrad. 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. LB29, introduced by Senator Conrad. A bill for an act relating to the Administrative Procedure Act; to amend Section 84-920, 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. LB30, introduced by Senator Conrad. A bill for an act relating to revenue and taxation; to amend Section 77-2716, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024; to, to provide for an income tax adjustment for income received from overtime compensation; and to repeal the original section. LB31, introduced by Senator Conrad. 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. LB32, introduced by Senator Hunt. A bill for an act relating to political accountability and disclosure; to amend Section

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49-1474.01, Revised Statutes of Nebraska; to change provisions relating to disclaimers; and to repeal the original section. LB33, introduced by Senator Hunt. 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, Revised-- 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. LB34, introduced by Senator Hunt. A bill for an act relating to time; to amend Section 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. LB35, introduced by Senator Brandt. A bill for an act relating to provide-- privately developed renewable energy generation facilities; to amend Section 70-1014.02, Reissued-- Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024; to change provisions relating to the requirements for certain exemptions; and to repeal the original section. LB36, introduced by Senator Brandt. 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. LB37, introduced by Senator Jacobson. 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; and to repeal the original section; and to outright repeal Section 17-225, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska. LB38, introduced by Senator Jacobson. 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, certification [SIC] of life-- licensure, certifica-- 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 outright repeal Sections 81-3505 and 81-3513, Re-- Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska. LB39, introduced by Senator Jacobson. 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. LB40, introduced by Senator Jacobson. A bill for an act relating to the Uniform Limited Liability Company Act; to amend Section 21-193, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; to change provisions relating to the publication of notice of organization, amendment of certificate of organization, merger, conversion, domestication, or dissolution; and to repeal the original section. LB41, introduced by Senator Riepe. 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. LB42, introduced by Senator Riepe. 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 aids and intellectual and developmental disability facilities; and to repeal the original sections. LB43, introduced by Senator Hardin. 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 install-- installations; to harmonize provisions; and to repeal the original sections; to declare an emergency. LB44, introduced by Senator McKinney. 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. LB45, introduced by Senator McKinney. 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. LB46, introduced by Senator McKinney. 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. LB47, introduced by Senator McKinney.

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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; and to repeal the original sections; and to declare an emergency. LB48, introduced by Senator McKinney. A bill for an act relating to public health and welfare; to establish a family resource and juvenile assessment pilot program as prescribed; provide an operative date; and to declare an emergency. LB49, introduced by Senator McKinney. 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. LB50, introduced by Senator Dover. A bill for an act relating to revenue and taxation; to amend Section 77-6204, Revised-- Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; to change provisions relating to the distribution of nameplate capacity tax; and to repeal the original section. LB51, introduced by Senator Ibach. A bill for an act relating to criminal history record information; to adopt the National Crime Prevention and Privacy Compact, and to provide duties and-- powers and duties for the Superintendent of Law Enforcement and Public Safety and the Nebraska State Patrol. LB52, introduced by Senator Ibach. 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; and to change provisions relating to disclosure of certain information; and to repeal the original section. LB53, introduced by Senator Machaela Cavanaugh. A bill for an act relating to pregnancy; to state intent; and to provide criminal and civil immunity for pregnancy outcomes as prescribed. LB54, introduced by Senator Dorn. A bill for an act relating to appropriations; to appropriate funds to the Department of Health and Human Services; and declare an emergency. LB55, introduced by Senator Dorn. A bill for an act relating to appropriations; to state intent regarding certain appropriations. Be it enacted by the people-- excuse me. LB56, introduced by Senator Dorn. 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 the requirements [SIC] for blood draws relating to certain deceased persons as prescribed; and to repeal the original section.

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**CLERK:** Mr. President, in addition, a series of rule change-- proposed rule changes: proposed rule change 3 from Senator DeBoer, changes to Rule 7, Section 4; proposed rule change number 4 from Senator DeBoer, proposed changes to Rule 2, Section 8; proposed rule change number 5 from Senator DeBoer, proposed rule changes to Rule 7, Section 3. In addition, Mr. President, my apologies on the earlier announcement. The Committee on Committees will be meeting in Room 2102 upon adjournment. Committee on Committees, 2102 upon adjournment. That's all I have at this time.

**ARCH:** Mr. Clerk, for new bills.

**ASSISTANT CLERK:** LB57, introduced by Senator Dorn. 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. LB38-- or excuse me, LB58, introduced by Senator Sanders. 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. LB59, introduced by Senator Sanders. A bill for an act relating to natural resources districts; to amend Section 2-3227 [SIC--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 sections. LB60, introduced by Senator Quick. A bill for an act relating to the State Lottery Act; to amend Section 8-- 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. LB61, introduced by Senator Storer. 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. LB62, introduced by Senator Brandt. A bill for an act relating to appropriations; to appropriate funds to the Department of Administrative Services; and to declare an emergency. LB63, introduced by Senator Brandt. 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. LB64, introduced by Senator Fredrickson. A bill for an act relating to insurance; to amend Section 44-3614, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024; to change eligibility requirements for medicare supplemental policies; and to repeal the original sections. LB65, introduced by Senator DeBoer. A bill for an act relating to courts; to

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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 19 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 and 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; and to harmonize provisions; and to repeal the original sections. LB66, introduced by Senator DeBoer. A bill for an act relating to health care; to adopt the Uniform Health-Care Decisions Act; and to provide severability. LB67, introduced by Senator Raybould. A bill for an act relating to sexual assault; to adopt the Sexual Assault Emergency Care Act; and to provide severability. LB68, introduced by Senator Raybould. 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 sections. LB69, introduced by Senator Spivey. A bill for an act relating to the Commission on African American Affairs; to amend Section 81-2606, Revised-- Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; to change requirements relating to meetings; to require a report; and repeal the original section. LB70, introduced by Senator DeBoer. 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. LB71, introduced by Senator DeBoer. 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

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Supplement, 2024; to change requirements for childcare 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. LB72, introduced by Senator Hallstrom. 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. That's all that I have, Mr. President.

**ARCH:** Senators, this is the last call for bill introduction today. If you have bills that you're preparing, we have a few more minutes, but we would ask that you bring them forward if you intend to introduce them today. Mr. Clerk, for items.

**CLERK:** Thank you, Mr. President. First, new bills. LB73, introduced Senators DeKay, Brandt, Dorn, Hallstrom, Ibach, Lonowski, McKeon, Meyer, Murman, and Strommen. LB73 is 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 hours of annual continuing education courses required for law enforcement officers; to provide an operative date; and repeal the original section. LB74, introduced by Senator Hunt. It's 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; repeal the original section. LB75, introduced by Senator Hunt. It's a bill for an act relating to the Wage and Hour Act; to amend Sections 48-1201 [SIC--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 section. LB76, introduced by Senator Bostar, is a bill for an act relating to the Nebraska State Patrol Retirement Act; to amend Sections 81-2026, 81-2027.08, 81-2027.09, Reissue Revised Statutes for 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; and repeal the original sections; and to declare an emergency. LB77, introduced by Senator Bostar, is a bill for an act relating to insurance; to adopt the Ensuring Transparency in Prior

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Authorization Act; to provide an operative date-- to provide operative dates; and to provide severability. LB78, introduced by Senator Bostar, is 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; repeal the original section. LB79, introduced by Senators Hallstrom, Bosn, Storer, and Strommen. It's a bill for an act relating to civil actions; to provide for dismissal of certain civil actions involving commercial motor vehicles. LB80, introduced by Senator Hallstrom, Senator Bosn, Senator DeKay. It's 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, 49-927, 49-928, 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 section; and 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. LB81, introduced by Senator Hardin, is a bill for an act relating to the Nebraska Property Tax Incentive Act; to amend Sections 77-6702, 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; provide the original-- repeal the original section; and to declare an emergency. Additional Items, Mr. President. New LRs, LR2 from Senator DeKay. Senator DeKay also introduces LR3 and LR4. Those will all be laid over. That's all I have at this time, Mr. President.

**ARCH:** Senator Rountree, for a motion.

**ROUNTREE:** Mr. President, thank you. I move that a series of committees be appointed to escort the various state and constitutional officers for the purpose of administering their oaths of office.

**ARCH:** Colleagues, you've heard the motion before you. All those in favor say aye. All those opposed, nay. The motion carries. Colleagues, the inaugural ceremonies will begin at 1:30, and the members of the Escort Committees for the escorting of the Board of Regents will be

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Senator Dover, Senator Fredrickson, and Senator Ibach. For the escorts for the Board of Education members: Senator Jacobson, Senator McKinney, Senator Murman. And the escorts for the Chief Justice will be Senator Bosn, Senator John Cavanaugh, Senator Quick, Senator Sanders, and Senator von Gillern. Just to make note of that, please. Mr. Clerk, for a motion.

**CLERK:** Mr. President, quickly. Notice that the Committee on Committees will meet in Room 2102 now upon recess; 2102, Committee on Committees. Additionally, a priority motion. Senator Meyer would move to recess the body until 1:30 p.m. for inaugural ceremonies.

**ARCH:** Colleagues, you've heard the motion. All those in favor say aye. All those opposed, nay. We are in recess.

[RECESS]

**KELLY:** Good afternoon, everyone. Welcome to the George W. Norris Legislative Chamber for this afternoon's proceedings. Members, please check in. Roll Call. Record, Mr. Clerk.

**CLERK:** There's a quorum present, Mr. President.

**KELLY:** Do you have any messages, reports, or announcements?

**CLERK:** I have none at this time.

**KELLY:** Ladies and gentlemen and family members, for those about to be sworn in today, welcome to the George W. Norris Legislative Chamber for this proceeding. We'll now have the Presentation of Colors from the Nebraska National Guard. Please rise. Please be seated. Would the Escort Committee to escort the members and members-elect of the State Board of Education [SIC] retire to the back of the Chamber. That is Senators Dover, Fredrickson, and Ibach. Excuse me.

**ARCH:** Would the Escort Committee to escort the members of the Board of Regents retire to the back of the Chamber: Senator Dover, Senator Fredrickson, and Senator Ibach.

**SERGEANT AT ARMS:** Mr. President, your Committee escorting the members of the Board of Regents, University of Nebraska: Jim Scheer, Elizabeth R. O'Conner, and Rob Schafer.

**ARCH:** Would the Escort Committee to escort the members and members-elect of the State Board of Education retire to the back of the Chamber: Senator Jacobson, Senator McKinney, and Senator Murman.

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**SERGEANT AT ARMS:** Mr. President, your Committee escorting the members of the State Board of Education: Kristen Christensen, Maggie Douglas, Lisa Schonhoff, Liz Renner.

**ARCH:** Will the Escort Committee to escort the Chief Justice of the Nebraska Supreme Court please retire to the back of the Chamber: Senators Bosn, John Cavanaugh, Quick, Sanders, and von Gillern.

**SERGEANT AT ARMS:** Mr. President, your Committee escorting the Chief Justice of the Nebraska Supreme Court, the Honorable Jeffrey Funke.

**ARCH:** Senators, you may be seated. We will now proceed to the swearing-in ceremonies. At this time, I'd like to recognize the Chief Justice of the Nebraska Supreme Court, the Honorable Jeffrey Funke.

**CHIEF JUSTICE FUNKE:** Thank you and good afternoon. Our first oath will be administered to the Board of Education. And we'll have you all come down in front. And have you maybe take a step back that way so I can see you and raise your right hand. Thank you. And it's Ms. Christensen? All right. Very good. And Ms. Douglas? Thank you. Ms. Schonhoff and Ms. Renner? All right. Thank you. The oath of office as followed: Do each of you solemnly swear or affirm that you will support the Constitution of the United States and the Constitution of the State of Nebraska and will faithfully discharge the duties as members of the Board of Education according to the best of your ability? If so, please answer I so swear or I so affirm. Very good. Thank you. Congratulations. The next oath will be for Board of Regents and we'll have the 3 of you please come to the well. I'll ask you to please raise your right hand. And it's Mr. Scheer and Mr. Schafer and Ms. O'Conner? Very good. Thank you. Do each of you, do each of you solemnly swear or affirm that you will support the Constitution of the United States and the Constitution of the State of Nebraska and will faithfully discharge the duties as members of the Board of Regents according to the best of your ability? If so, please state I so swear or I so affirm. All right. Thank you. Congratulations.

**ARCH:** Would the members of the Escort Committee for the Chief Justice, please come forward and escort the Chief to the back of the Chamber. Would the members of the Escort Committee for the State Board of Education members, please come forward to escort. The members of the Escort Committee for the State Board of Education, please come forward. Would the members of the Escort Committee for the State Board of Regents, please come forward. Mr. Clerk, do you have messages, reports, or announcements?

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**CLERK:** I do. Thank you, Mr. President. Proposed rule change: rule change number 5 from Senator Hansen concerning changes to Rule 3, Section 4. Additionally, a preliminary report of the 2025 legislative committees from the Committee on Committees. Finally, a priority motion. Senator Moser would move to adjourn the body until Friday, January 10, 2025, at 10:00 a.m.

**ARCH:** The question is the motion to adjourn. All those in favor say aye. All those opposed say nay. We are adjourned.