

FIFTY-FIRST DAY - MARCH 27, 2024**LEGISLATIVE JOURNAL****ONE HUNDRED EIGHTH LEGISLATURE
SECOND SESSION****FIFTY-FIRST DAY**

Legislative Chamber, Lincoln, Nebraska
Wednesday, March 27, 2024

PRAYER

The prayer was offered by Bill Ferrero, Church of Christ, Bayard.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was offered by Corporal Dustin J. Guzman, Marine Corps, Omaha.

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 Senators Bosn, Bostar, Conrad, Day, Dungan, Hansen, Raybould, Slama, Walz, and Wishart who were excused until they arrive.

CORRECTIONS FOR THE JOURNAL

The Journal for the fiftieth day was approved.

GENERAL FILE

LEGISLATIVE BILL 71A. Title read. Considered.

Advanced to Enrollment and Review Initial with 34 ayes, 0 nays, 6 present and not voting, and 9 excused and not voting.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 1344A. Title read. Considered.

Advanced to Enrollment and Review Initial with 31 ayes, 0 nays, 9 present and not voting, and 9 excused and not voting.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 1092. Committee [AM2585](#), found on page 1086 and considered on page 1321, was renewed.

Senator M. Cavanaugh offered [MO1314](#), found on page 1322, to reconsider the vote on MO1312.

Senator M. Cavanaugh asked unanimous consent to withdraw her motion to reconsider.

No objections. So ordered.

Senator Murman offered [AM3198](#), found on page 1264, to the committee amendment.

The Murman amendment was adopted with 30 ayes, 1 nay, 12 present and not voting, and 6 excused and not voting.

The committee amendment, as amended, was adopted with 34 ayes, 1 nay, 11 present and not voting, and 3 excused and not voting.

Advanced to Enrollment and Review Initial with 31 ayes, 0 nays, 15 present and not voting, and 3 excused and not voting.

NOTICE OF COMMITTEE HEARING(S)

Health and Human Services

Room 1510 1:00 PM

Wednesday, April 3, 2024

Brett Lindau - State Board of Health

Connie Lynn Petersen - State Board of Health

Jeffrey Wienke, Jr. - State Board of Health

Matt Ahern - Health Information Technology Board

(Signed) Ben Hansen, Chairperson

RESOLUTION(S)

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 445. Introduced by Lowe, 37.

WHEREAS, the 2024 Nebraska School Activities Association Boys Basketball State Championships were held from March 6 through March 9, 2024; and

WHEREAS, the Shelton High School Bulldogs boys basketball team were seeking their first State Basketball Championship since 1919; and

WHEREAS, the Bulldogs took the lead early in the game and never lost it, defeating the Maywood-Hayes Center High School Wolves by a score of 54-42; and

WHEREAS, the Bulldogs went on a 10-0 scoring run in the second quarter securing their consistent lead over the Wolves into the fourth quarter; and

WHEREAS, the Bulldogs' coach Will Reutzel was thankful for the team's dedication to waking up in the face of a late start; and

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

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

1. That the Legislature congratulates the Shelton High School Bulldogs boys basketball team on winning the Class D-2 Boys Basketball Championship.

2. That a copies of this resolution be sent to Coach Will Reutzel and Shelton High School.

Laid over.

VISITOR(S)

Visitors to the Chamber were students from Milford Elementary, Milford; Eric Martin from the American Legion; Cathy Erdman, Bayard; Trevor Towey and Chris Wicker, Omaha; students, teachers and sponsor from Northwest High School, Lincoln; students and teachers from Verdigre Public Schools, Verdigre; students from St. Patrick's Catholic School, Lincoln; Lauren Micek Vargas, Omaha.

RECESS

At 11:56 a.m., on a motion by Senator Holdcroft, the Legislature recessed until 1:30 p.m.

AFTER RECESS

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

ROLL CALL

The roll was called and all members were present except Senators Blood, Dorn, Hunt, McKinney, Raybould, Walz, Wayne, and Wishart who were excused until they arrive.

COMMITTEE REPORT(S)

Enrollment and Review

LEGISLATIVE BILL 484A. Placed on Select File.

(Signed) Beau Ballard, Chairperson

GENERAL FILE

LEGISLATIVE BILL 937. Senator M. Cavanaugh offered [MO1261](#), found on page 1037, to indefinitely postpone pursuant to Rule 6, Sec. 3(f).

Senator Bostar opened on his bill, LB937.

Senator M. Cavanaugh opened on her motion, MO1261.

SENATOR DEBOER PRESIDING

Pending.

COMMITTEE REPORT(S) Enrollment and Review

LEGISLATIVE BILL 1368. Placed on Select File with amendment.

[ER109](#)

1 1. In the Ibach amendment, AM3002, on page 2, line 28, strike
2 "department" and insert "Department of Natural Resources".
3 2. On page 1, strike beginning with "fertilizer" in line 1 through
4 line 2 and insert "agriculture; to amend section 84-612, Revised Statutes
5 Supplement, 2023; to adopt the Nitrogen Reduction Incentive Act; to
6 provide for a transfer from the Cash Reserve Fund; and to repeal the
7 original section."

LEGISLATIVE BILL 126A. Placed on Select File.
LEGISLATIVE BILL 1027A. Placed on Select File.
LEGISLATIVE BILL 20A. Placed on Select File.
LEGISLATIVE BILL 262A. Placed on Select File.
LEGISLATIVE BILL 876A. Placed on Select File.
LEGISLATIVE BILL 1023A. Placed on Select File.
LEGISLATIVE BILL 1031A. Placed on Select File.

(Signed) Beau Ballard, Chairperson

Government, Military and Veterans Affairs

LEGISLATIVE BILL 1300. Placed on General File with amendment.

[AM3227](#) is available in the Bill Room.

(Signed) Tom Brewer, Chairperson

Business and Labor

The Business and Labor 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.

Steven Bley - Boiler Safety Code Advisory Board

Aye: 6. Blood, Halloran, Hansen, Hunt, Ibach, Riepe. Nay: 0. Absent: 0.
Present and not voting: 1. McKinney.

The Business and Labor 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.

Spencer Hartman - Commission of Industrial Relations

Aye: 6. Blood, Halloran, Hansen, Hunt, Ibach, Riepe. Nay: 0. Absent: 0.
Present and not voting: 1. McKinney.

(Signed) Merv Riepe, Chairperson

Health and Human Services

The Health and Human Services 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.

J. Paul Cook - State Board of Health

Aye: 7. Ballard, Cavanaugh, M., Day, Hansen, Hardin, Riepe, Walz. Nay: 0.
Absent: 0. Present and not voting: 0.

The Health and Human Services 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.

David Owens - Stem Cell Research Advisory Committee
Dennis Roop - Stem Cell Research Advisory Committee
Rui Yi - Stem Cell Research Advisory Committee

Aye: 7. Ballard, Cavanaugh, M., Day, Hansen, Hardin, Riepe, Walz. Nay: 0.
Absent: 0. Present and not voting: 0.

The Health and Human Services 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.

Daniel J. Rosenthal - State Board of Health

Aye: 7. Ballard, Cavanaugh, M., Day, Hansen, Hardin, Riepe, Walz. Nay: 0.
Absent: 0. Present and not voting: 0.

(Signed) Ben Hansen, Chairperson

AMENDMENT(S) - Print in Journal

Senator Bostar filed the following amendment to LB937:

[AM3187](#)

(Amendments to Standing Committee amendments, AM3132)

1 1. Strike sections 25, 26, and 27 and insert the following new
2 sections:
3 Sec. 25. The Legislature finds and declares that:
4 (1) Organizations in the State of Nebraska that provide under-
5 supported pregnant women with services, free of charge, that are crucial
6 for their physical, emotional, and familial well-being, including
7 pregnancy testing, pregnancy and prenatal care education, counseling,
8 food, clothing, housing, transportation, parenting and life skills
9 classes, child care, licensed medical care, and referrals to additional
10 community services and material help;
11 (2) These organizations also provide personal relationships and a
12 strong local support network for such women and their families that
13 cannot be replicated by even the best and most effective government
14 programs; and
15 (3) It shall be the policy of the State of Nebraska, through the
16 creation of the Nebraska Pregnancy Help Act, to encourage and celebrate
17 organizations that support pregnant women and new parents in this state
18 and to incentivize private donations for the furtherance of their good
19 work through the creation of a tax credit.
20 Sec. 26. For purposes of the Nebraska Pregnancy Help Act:
21 (1) Department means the Department of Revenue; and
22 (2) Eligible charitable organization means an organization that:
23 (a) Is exempt from federal income taxation under section 501(c)(3)
24 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended;
25 (b) Does not receive more than seventy-five percent of its total
26 annual revenue from federal, state, or local governmental grants or
1 sources, either directly or as a contractor, with the exception of
2 organizations that provide services or shelter to victims of domestic
3 violence or human trafficking;
4 (c) Is an organization that:
5 (i) Regularly answers a dedicated telephone number for clients;
6 (ii) Maintains its physical office, clinic, or maternity home in the
7 State of Nebraska;
8 (iii) Offers services at no cost to the client for the express
9 purposes of providing assistance to women in order to support their
10 pregnancies, encourage and enable parenting or adoption, and promote
11 healthy childbirths; and
12 (iv) Utilizes licensed medical professionals for any medical
13 services offered;
14 (d) Does not provide, pay for, or provide coverage of abortions and
15 does not financially support any entity that provides, pays for, or
16 provides coverage of abortions, including nonsurgical abortions; and
17 (e) Is approved by the department pursuant to section 27 of this
18 act.
19 Sec. 27. (1) An organization seeking to become an eligible
20 charitable organization shall provide the department with a written
21 certification that it meets all criteria to be considered an eligible
22 charitable organization. The certification must be signed by an officer
23 of the organization under penalty of perjury. The certification shall
24 include the following:
25 (a) Verification of the organization's status under section 501(c)
26 (3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended;
27 (b) A statement that the organization does not receive more than
28 seventy-five percent of its total annual revenue from federal, state, or
29 local governmental grants or sources, either directly or as a contractor,
30 unless such organization provides services or shelter to victims of
31 domestic violence or human trafficking;
1 (c) A statement that the organization maintains its physical office,
2 clinic, or maternity home in the State of Nebraska; and
3 (d) A statement that the organization does not provide, pay for, or
4 provide coverage of abortions and does not financially support any entity
5 that provides, pays for, or provides coverage of abortions, including
6 nonsurgical abortions.
7 (2) The department shall review each written certification and

8 determine whether the organization meets all of the criteria to be
9 considered an eligible charitable organization and shall notify the
10 organization of its determination. Any organization whose certification
11 is approved under this section shall be considered an eligible charitable
12 organization.
13 (3) An organization shall notify the department within sixty days of
14 any changes that may affect its status as an eligible charitable
15 organization.
16 (4) The department may periodically request recertification from an
17 organization that was previously approved as an eligible charitable
18 organization under this section.
19 (5) The department shall compile and make available to the public a
20 list of eligible charitable organizations that have been approved under
21 this section.

Senator Brandt filed the following amendment to [LB937](#):
[AM3260](#) is available in the Bill Room.

Senator Ibach filed the following amendment to [LB1317](#):
[AM3135](#) is available in the Bill Room.

GENERAL FILE

LEGISLATIVE BILL 388. Senator M. Cavanaugh offered [MO550](#), found on page 958, First Session, 2023, to indefinitely postpone pursuant to Rule 6, Sec. 3(f).

Senator Linehan opened on her bill, LB388.

Senator M. Cavanaugh opened on her motion, MO550.

SENATOR FREDRICKSON PRESIDING

Pending.

MESSAGE(S) FROM THE GOVERNOR

March 27, 2024

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

Dear Clerk Metzler:

Engrossed Legislative Bills 43e, 905/905A, 1087e/1087Ae were received in my office on March 21, 2024, and signed on March 27, 2024.

These bills were delivered to the Secretary of State on March 27, 2024.

(Signed) Sincerely,
Jim Pillen
Governor

COMMITTEE REPORT(S)
Urban Affairs

LEGISLATIVE BILL 1359. Placed on General File.

(Signed) Terrell McKinney, Chairperson

Enrollment and Review

LEGISLATIVE BILL 1368A. Placed on Select File.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 1200A. Placed on Select File.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 1074A. Placed on Select File.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 1284A. Placed on Select File.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 1301A. Placed on Select File.

(Signed) Beau Ballard, Chairperson

AMENDMENT(S) - Print in Journal

Senator Conrad filed the following amendment to [LB1329](#):
[AM3235](#)

(Amendments to E&R amendments, ER105)

- 1 1. Insert the following new section:
- 2 Sec. 10. Section 79-201, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is
- 3 amended to read:
- 4 79-201 (1) For purposes of this section, a child is of mandatory
- 5 attendance age if the child (a) will reach six years of age prior to
- 6 January 1 of the then-current school year and (b) has not reached
- 7 eighteen years of age.
- 8 (2) Except as provided in subsection (3) of this section, every
- 9 person residing in a school district within the State of Nebraska who has
- 10 legal or actual charge or control of any child who is of mandatory
- 11 attendance age or is enrolled in a public school shall cause such child
- 12 to enroll in, if such child is not enrolled, and attend regularly a
- 13 public, private, denominational, or parochial day school which meets the
- 14 requirements for legal operation prescribed in Chapter 79, or a school
- 15 which elects pursuant to section 79-1601 not to meet accreditation or
- 16 approval requirements, each day that such school is open and in session,
- 17 except when excused by school authorities or when mental or physical
- 18 illness or severe weather conditions make attendance impossible or
- 19 impracticable.
- 20 (3) Subsection (2) of this section does not apply in the case of any
- 21 child who:
- 22 (a) Has obtained a high school diploma by meeting the graduation
- 23 requirements established in section 79-729;
- 24 (b) Has completed the program of instruction offered by a school
- 25 which elects pursuant to section 79-1601 not to meet accreditation or
- 26 approval requirements;
- 1 (c) Has reached sixteen years of age and has been withdrawn from
- 2 school pursuant to section 79-202;
- 3 (d)(i) Will reach six years of age prior to January 1 of the then-
- 4 current school year, but will not reach seven years of age prior to
- 5 January 1 of such school year, (ii) such child's parent or guardian has
- 6 signed an affidavit stating that the child is participating in an

7 education program that the parent or guardian believes will prepare the
8 child to enter grade one for the following school year, and (iii) such
9 affidavit has been filed by the parent or guardian with the school
10 district in which the child resides;
11 (e)(i) Will reach six years of age prior to January 1 of the then-
12 current school year but has not reached seven years of age, (ii) such
13 child's parent or guardian has signed an affidavit stating that the
14 parent or guardian intends for the child to participate in a school which
15 has elected or will elect pursuant to section 79-1601 not to meet
16 accreditation or approval requirements and the parent or guardian intends
17 to provide the Commissioner of Education with a statement pursuant to
18 subsection (3) of section 79-1601 on or before the child's seventh
19 birthday, and (iii) such affidavit has been filed by the parent or
20 guardian with the school district in which the child resides; or
21 (f) Will not reach six years of age prior to January 1 of the then-
22 current school year and such child was enrolled in a public school and
23 has discontinued the enrollment according to the policy of the school
24 board adopted pursuant to subsection (4) of this section.
25 (4) The board shall adopt policies allowing discontinuation of the
26 enrollment of students who will not reach six years of age prior to
27 January 1 of the then-current school year and specifying the procedures
28 therefor.
29 (5) Each school district that is a member of a learning community
30 shall report to the learning community coordinating council on or before
31 September 1 of each year for the immediately preceding school year the
1 following information:
2 (a) All reports of violations of this section made to the attendance
3 officer of any school in the district pursuant to section 79-209;
4 (b) The results of all investigations conducted pursuant to section
5 79-209, including the attendance record that is the subject of the
6 investigation and a list of services rendered in the case;
7 (c) The district's policy on excessive absenteeism; and
8 (d) Records of all notices served and reports filed pursuant to
9 section 79-209 and the district's policy on habitual truancy.
10 2. Renumber the remaining sections and correct internal references
11 and the repealer accordingly.

Senator Fredrickson filed the following amendment to [LB253](#):
[AM3226](#)

(Amendments to Standing Committee amendments, AM2978)

1 1. Insert the following new sections:
2 Sec. 8. Section 83-4,153, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is
3 amended to read:
4 83-4,153 Sections 83-4,153 to 83-4,165 and sections 10 and 11 of
5 this act shall be known and may be cited as the Nebraska Correctional
6 Health Care Services Act.
7 Sec. 9. Section 83-4,157, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement,
8 2022, is amended to read:
9 83-4,157 The medical director shall:
10 (1) Coordinate all clinical services;
11 (2) Participate in the selection and supervision of all clinical
12 staff employed by or under contract with the department, including
13 medical doctors, physician assistants, pharmacists, pharmacy technicians,
14 registered nurses, licensed practical nurses, advanced practice
15 registered nurses practicing under and in accordance with their
16 respective certification acts, mental health practitioners, alcohol and
17 drug counselors, laboratory technicians, physical therapists,
18 optometrists, audiologists, dentists, dental assistants, and dental
19 hygienists;
20 (3) Maintain and preserve the medical records of health care

21 services;

22 (4) Approve the purchasing of all necessary medical supplies and
23 medical equipment for the department;

24 (5) Recommend all necessary programs for the preservice, inservice,
25 and continuing medical training and education of the health care staff
26 and other relevant staff of the department, including training

1 specifically designed to promote prompt and effective responses by all
2 staff of the department to medical emergencies;

3 (6) Develop and implement condition-specific medical treatment
4 protocols that ensure compatibility with a community standard of health
5 care, including protocols addressing the: (a) Treatment of
6 gastrointestinal bleeds; (b) detection and treatment of all communicable
7 diseases; (c) treatment of gender-specific problems; (d) treatment of
8 diabetes; (e) treatment of hypertension; (f) treatment of headaches; (g)

9 utilization of surgical procedures; (h) control of infection; (i)
10 provision of dental care; (j) provision of age-specific and gender-
11 specific routine health maintenance; (k) means by which inmates obtain
12 access to health care services; (l) use of prescribed drugs, devices, or
13 biologicals for the purpose of pain management; (m) referral of patients
14 to medical specialists not in the employ of the department; and (n)

15 initiation, observance, and termination of do not resuscitate orders
16 initiated pursuant to the Rights of the Terminally Ill Act;
17 (7) Develop and implement a system of general discharge planning for
18 the health care services to be received by inmates who are soon to be
19 released from the custody of the department and who have chronic health
20 care problems, including establishment of a protocol to determine whether
21 or not an inmate soon to be released should be prescribed and dispensed a
22 medication-assisted treatment that could assist in reducing or
23 eliminating the inmate's use of opiates;

24 (8) Develop and implement a comprehensive health care services plan;
25 (9) Develop and implement an internal credentialing program for the
26 employment and retention of the health care staff of the department based
27 on a community standard of health care; ~~and~~

28 (10) Develop and implement an internal peer review and quality
29 assurance program based upon a community standard of health care; ~~and~~ -

30 (11) Work in collaboration with the mental health director on the
31 coordination of all mental health services.

1 Sec. 10. The Director of Correctional Services shall appoint a
2 mental health director for the department who shall have relevant mental
3 health experience and be licensed by the State of Nebraska as a physician
4 or mental health practitioner, including, but not limited to, a
5 psychiatrist, psychologist, social worker, or licensed independent mental
6 health practitioner. The mental health director shall be a full-time
7 position under the sole immediate supervision of the director.

8 Sec. 11. The Director of Correctional Services shall designate
9 duties for the mental health director which shall include, but not be
10 limited to:

11 (1) Working in collaboration with the medical director on the
12 coordination and collaboration of mental and behavioral health care
13 services;

14 (2) Recommending all necessary programs for mental and behavioral
15 health care services to ensure inmates receive required programming;

16 (3) Collaborating with community mental health providers, as
17 appropriate, to ensure services within the facilities and continuity of
18 mental and behavioral health care services upon inmate reentry into
19 communities;

20 (4) Ensuring mental and behavioral health care is provided to
21 inmates; and

22 (5) Training and education of mental health care staff and other
23 relevant staff of the department, including training specifically

24 designed to promote prompt and effective responses to inmate mental and
 25 behavioral health care needs.
 26 2. Correct the operative date section so that the sections added by
 27 this amendment become operative on January 1, 2026.
 28 3. Renumber the remaining section and correct the repealer
 29 accordingly.

Senator Murman filed the following amendment to LB1329:

[FA322](#)

Strike Section 1.

Senator Murman filed the following amendment to LB1329:

[FA323](#)

Strike Section 2.

Senator Meyer filed the following amendment to LB388:

[AM3252](#)

(Amendments to Standing Committee amendments, AM3203)

1 1. On page 20, line 3, strike "storage and" and show as stricken.
 2 2. On page 38, line 3, strike "and"; in line 5 strike the period and
 3 insert "; and"; and after line 5 insert the following new subdivision:
 4 "(j) The gross income received for storage services."

Senator Dungan filed the following amendment to LB388:

[AM3242](#)

(Amendments to Standing Committee amendments, AM3203)

1 1. Strike section 31.
 2 2. On page 32, lines 21 through 30, strike the new matter and
 3 reinstate the stricken matter.
 4 3. On page 33, line 2, strike "(e)" and reinstate the stricken
 5 "(5)"; in line 6 after the semicolon insert "and"; in line 7 strike
 6 beginning with "(f)" through "2025," and insert "(6) Commencing July 1,
 7 2024"; in line 9 strike "(i)" and insert "(a)"; in line 11 strike "(ii)"
 8 and insert "(b)"; in line 12 strike "(iii)" and insert "(c)"; in line 14
 9 strike the semicolon and insert an underscored period; and strike lines
 10 15 through 31.
 11 4. On page 34, strike lines 1 through 22.
 12 5. Renumber the remaining sections and correct the repealer
 13 accordingly.

Senator J. Cavanaugh filed the following amendment to LB388:

[AM3243](#)

(Amendments to Standing Committee amendments, AM3203)

1 1. Insert the following new section:
 2 Sec. 31. (1) Sales and use taxes shall not be imposed on the gross
 3 receipts from the sale, storage, use, or other consumption in this state
 4 of diapers.
 5 (2) For purposes of this section, diapers means absorbent garments
 6 worn by humans who are incapable of or have difficulty controlling their
 7 bladder or bowel movements.
 8 2. On page 32, line 17; and page 34, line 26, strike "section 28"
 9 and insert "sections 28 and 31".
 10 3. Renumber the remaining sections accordingly.

Senator J. Cavanaugh filed the following amendment to LB388:

[AM3239](#)

(Amendments to Standing Committee amendments, AM3203)

- 1 1. Strike section 44.
- 2 2. On page 19, line 18, reinstate the stricken matter.
- 3 3. Renumber the remaining section accordingly.

Senator Dungan filed the following amendment to LB1331:

[FA324](#)

Strike Section 1.

Senator Dungan filed the following amendment to LB1331:

[FA325](#)

Strike Section 3.

Senator Dungan filed the following amendment to LB1331:

[FA326](#)

Strike the enacting clause.

RESOLUTION(S)

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 446. Introduced by Brewer, 43.

WHEREAS, the National Society of Pershing Rifles is a military-oriented honor society for college students founded in 1894 as a drill team at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln and is the oldest continuously operating college organization dedicated to military drill; and

WHEREAS, originally named the Varsity Rifles, members renamed the organization in 1895 in honor of their founder, Lieutenant John J. Pershing, who was the Professor of Military Science and Tactics at the University of Nebraska, and who later became General of the Armies and the highest-ranking military officer in United States history; and

WHEREAS, the Pershing Rifles became a national organization in 1928, with companies consisting of drill teams and tactical units at colleges and universities across the United States, and recently held their annual national convention and John J. Pershing Memorial Drill Competition in Knoxville, Tennessee, on March 13-17, 2024; and

WHEREAS, the members of Pershing Rifles have served in all branches of the armed forces of the United States, in every conflict since the Spanish-American War, with some members making the ultimate sacrifice in the defense of our nation; and

WHEREAS, among distinguished alumni are general officers, Medal of Honor recipients, and accomplished leaders in the military, industry, the arts, and in both state and national government, including General Curtis LeMay, former head of the Strategic Air Command and Air Force Chief of Staff, General Colin Powell, former Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff and United States Secretary of State, and former Nebraska Governor George Sheldon who was a founding member; and

WHEREAS, the mission of the Pershing Rifles is to aid in the development of successful officers in the Army, Navy, Air Force, and Marine Corps throughout each Reserve Officers' Training Corps program, to further the purpose and traditions of the armed forces of the United States,

and to give college students an opportunity to be part of a military organization with or without service in the military; and

WHEREAS, the National Society of Pershing Rifles will celebrate the 130th anniversary of the organization's founding on October 2, 2024.

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

1. That the Legislature congratulates the National Society of Pershing Rifles on the 130th anniversary of the organization's founding.

2. That a copy of this resolution be sent to the national commander of Pershing Rifles, P/R Major General Logan Bowland at Appalachian State University, and to the commander of Pershing Rifles Company A-2, P/R Captain John Lindsay at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln.

Laid over.

UNANIMOUS CONSENT - Add Cointroducer(s)

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

Senator Dungan name added to LB1284.

Senator Slama name added to LB1402.

VISITOR(S)

Visitors to the Chamber were students and teachers from Cambridge Public Schools, Cambridge; students from St. Michael's School, Albion.

The Doctor of the Day was Dr. John Jacobsen of Kearney.

ADJOURNMENT

At 7:34 p.m., on a motion by Senator Sanders, the Legislature adjourned until 9:00 a.m., Thursday, March 28, 2024.

Brandon Metzler
Clerk of the Legislature

