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## WEATHER



TODAY	TUES	WED
Sunny	Mostly Cloudy	Partly Sunny
High 75	High 51	High 55

## SECOND ROUND DEBATE TO COMBAT ANTI-SEMITISM

Legislation to combat antisemitism was derailed by charges of sexual harassment in the Legislature Friday. It was the second round of debate on a proposal to require schools and colleges to combat anti-semitism. Friday's discussion at one point centered on the definition of anti-semitism. The bill incorporates a definition from the International Holocaust Remembrance Association. Critics say that definition blurs the line between anti-Jewish prejudice, on the one hand, and criticism of Israel, on the other. Sen. Megan Hunt offered an amendment to instead use a definition known as the Jerusalem Declaration, which she said avoids that problem. This definition that I have proposed avoids the problem of conflating anti-semitism with criticism of the State of Israel in terms of their treatment of their Palestinian neighbors," she said. Sen. Brian Hardin, chief sponsor of the antisemitism bill, said the definition he preferred has been adopted by 47 countries and 37 states. "I appreciate Senator Hunt's desire to see if there's a way to improve the bill," he said. "The challenge is that the Jerusalem Declaration has never been accepted by a single body of government on the Earth." Later in the debate, Hunt walked across the floor of the legislative chamber and talked to Hardin by one of the columns supporting the balcony. Back on the microphone, Hunt said she had asked him if he could support her amendment.



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## LEXINGTON OVERWHELMED BY THE VOLUME OF NEED

At 2 a.m. on a 16-degree mid-January Monday, Magdalena Barrios got in line. Only 10 people stood in front of her outside the Dawson County Opportunity Center. By 5:30 a.m., the line wrapped halfway around the side of the former Walmart. The doors wouldn't open until 9 a.m. For years prior, the roughly 200 people in that line worked at Tyson Foods directly across the street. Their jobs were now casualties in that plant's closure, and they were seeking help to pay for things like rent and groceries. The shutdown yanked 3,200 jobs from their community of about 10,000 people. Seven hours after she got in line, Barrios finally got to the front. She walked away with a ticket, paperwork and the promise of a phone call from a nonprofit that could help with her utilities. A week later, no one had called. She went to the fairgrounds, where organizers had moved operations to a spacious, heated building. The organizations helping with aid faced mounting backlogs, staff on-site explained. In just one day, the nonprofit handling utilities was getting requests from three times the number of people it usually helped in a month. After Tyson's shutdown announcement, individuals and organizations rallied to raise about \$300,000 to support laid-off workers. But within two weeks of starting to hand out aid, Lexington nonprofits were overwhelmed by the sheer volume of need. Money started running low. By the end of January, the relief fund stopped accepting new requests for aid. Organizers expect a couple of big donations to come through soon, said Beth Roberts, executive director of the Lexington Community Foundation.



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## TRUMP SIGNS TEMPORARY ORDER TO IMPORT BEEF

President Donald Trump has signed an order temporarily expanding duty-free imports of lean beef trimmings, citing drought, wildfires and disease-related supply disruptions that have shrunk the U.S. cattle herd and pushed ground beef prices to record highs. In the proclamation, Trump said cattle ranchers have been central to U.S. history and that beef remains "vital in the American diet," noting the United States is the world's largest consumer of beef by volume and ranks second globally in per capita consumption. He pointed to widespread drought beginning in 2022 across major beef-producing states, including Nebraska, and ongoing wildfire impacts that have reduced forage, disrupted grazing and affected herd health. Trump also cited restrictions on live cattle imports from Mexico after detections of New World screwworm in 2025, which further limited feedlot supplies. As a result, the U.S. cattle herd has fallen to record lows, with inventory totaling 94.2 million head as of July 2025, according to figures cited in the proclamation. Those factors have contributed to higher prices at the grocery store. Ground beef averaged \$6.69 per pound in December 2025, the highest level since federal tracking began in the 1980s, according to the Bureau of Labor Statistics. At the same time, consumer demand has remained strong, and the United States imported a record 4.64 billion pounds of beef in 2024, a more than 24% increase from the previous year.

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