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## Legislature adopts new session rules

After approving changes, lawmakers adopted their permanent rules Jan. 15. The rules of the Legislature govern the legislative process and generally are adopted at the beginning of each session.

Among the changes brought forward by the Rules Committee was a proposal to allow the State-Tribal Relations Committee to designate a priority bill consistent with the committee's jurisdiction and with approval of the bill's principal introducer. The change was adopted on a 41-2 vote.

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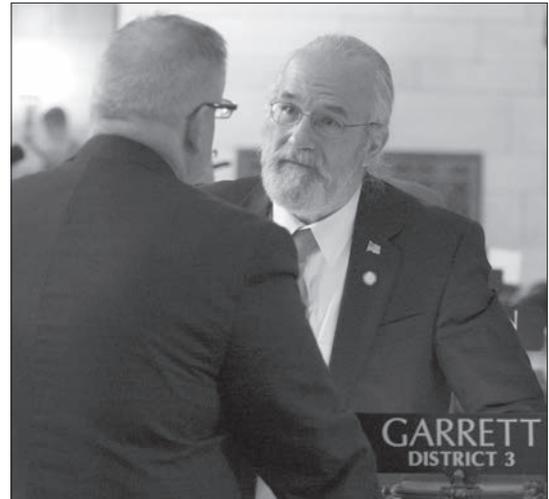
"If something can be done already, why attach an additional appendage onto our rules and process?" Chambers said.

Sen. Jeremy Nordquist of Omaha supported the proposed change, noting that it would not be unprecedented.

"[State-Tribal Relations] is a special committee—much like the Performance Audit Committee, which has a priority designation," he said.

A second approved change prohibits the division of the mainline budget bill and most related bills.

Under the current rules, senators may request that a bill be divided into its component parts, with each component considered separately by lawmakers. The change proposed by the Rules Committee would have prevented division of the mainline budget bill, deficit bill, capi-



Sens. Tommy Garrett (right) and Bill Kintner



Sens. Colby Coash (left) and Tyson Larson

Lincoln Sen. Colby Coash, chairperson of the State-Tribal Relations Committee, said the change would allow lawmakers to prioritize a measure related to Native American issues without using one of their personal priority designations.

A priority designation generally indicates that a bill will be considered ahead of other bills at each stage of debate.

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tal construction bill, constitutional officers' salary bill and the funds transfer bill.

Omaha Sen. Heath Mello, chairperson of the Appropriations Committee, supported the change. He noted that the mainline budget bill contains over 1,000 line items, and said dividing it could entirely disrupt

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Sen. Ernie Chambers

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the work of the Legislature.

Senators still are allowed unlimited opportunities to offer amendments to the state's proposed budget, Mello said.

Chambers suggested removing the constitutional officers' salary bill from the committee's proposal, noting that it has not been challenged in the past.

"Nobody has attempted to divide this salary bill—leave it alone," he said, adding that the Legislature's rule book should be as sparse as possible.

The Chambers proposal was adopted 39-0, and the underlying rule change was adopted 35-8.

A proposed change that was killed Wednesday by the Rules Committee on a 5-0 vote was offered again in a proposal put forth by Papillion Sen. Bill Kintner. The proposed change would have required a roll call vote to elect the speaker of the Legislature, chairperson of the Executive Board and leadership of the 14 standing committees.

Currently, these votes are conducted by secret ballot.

Kintner said all votes that lawmakers cast in a one-house legislature should be open to public scrutiny, including leadership elections.

"If we're going to have people be the second house ... they need to have the ability to see what we're doing and to hold us accountable," he said.

Crete Sen. Laura Ebke agreed, saying the unicameral system requires a counterweight to the actions taken by senators. That counterweight is the citizens of Nebraska, she said.

"The second house can't do its job if we

cast secret ballots," Ebke said.

Omaha Sen. Bob Krist opposed the change. He said using a secret ballot to elect legislative leadership does not adversely impact transparency. All votes on public policy and every word that is said in committee and during floor debate is a matter of public record, he said.

"Everything else we do is transparent," Krist said.

Sen. Tanya Cook of Omaha also opposed the proposal. The selection of committee chairs is the same as choosing officials in a traditional election, she said, and should not be a matter of public record.

"The secret ballot is how we vote in the United States," Cook said.

The Kintner proposal was defeated on a 12-33 vote and the rules were adopted 34-8. ■

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# MEET THE SENATOR

## Kolterman seeks to build on public service

Seward Sen. Mark Kolterman's face lights up as he describes the tree house he is currently building for his four grandchildren to enjoy. Although he has spent almost his entire career in the insurance business, Kolterman holds a degree in building construction and calls woodworking a passion.

"The tree house is going to be big," he laughed. "Bigger than I originally intended."

Kolterman said that after raising daughters Jessica and Jennifer, he enjoys having grandsons to spoil—even if they use the tree house only a few times a year.

His wife Suzanne enjoys his handyman skills as well, he said.

"She likes that I'm able to tackle the 'honey do' list," he said, adding

that he has been married to his "high school sweetheart" for 43 years. Both grew up in Seward and their ties to the community run deep.

Kolterman was a volunteer firefighter for 14 years and has been involved in various forms of community service since high school. He said it runs in the family, noting that his twin brother Clark started the town's famous Fourth of July celebration back in 1969.

"He's been chairman of the celebration ever since," he said. "Our whole family grew up in public service."

Kolterman currently operates an insurance agency with his wife, which he says works well because they have an agreement. "I'm the boss at the office; she's the boss at home," he joked. "But everybody knows that she's really the

boss, period."

The couple enjoys traveling both within Nebraska and beyond, he said, adding that it's important for people to make time to see different parts of the country.

An annual winter trip has been a highlight for the last 12 years, he said, although the demands of being a state senator might interfere this year.

Kolterman said it will be difficult to balance an outside career and serving his district at the Capitol, but he is up for the challenge. Kolterman said he is not ready to retire and sees the Legislature as a chance to expand his public service while still maintaining his business.

"I think that people know that I'm here to serve them and I'm ready to get started," he said. ■



Sen. Mark Kolterman guides grandsons Elliott (left) and Graham in the art of marshmallow roasting.

# NEW BILLS

**Bill      Introducer      One-line description**

**Jan. 12, 2015**

LB157	McCollister	Change operative date provisions relating to the Nebraska Model Business Corporation Act
LB158	McCollister	Deny compensation under the Nebraska Workers' Compensation Act in situations of false representation
LB159	Hadley	Define and redefine terms under the Public Accountancy Act
LB160	Larson	Allow financial institutions to operate gift enterprises
LB161	Schumacher	Adopt the Pairing Equity to Enterprises Act and provide for a transfer from the Cash Reserve Fund
LB162	Schumacher	Change provisions relating to sales of real property for nonpayment of taxes
LB163	Crawford	Create an emergency management registry allowing for public-provided data
LB164	Friesen	Provide a biennial budgeting option for natural resources districts
LB165	Lindstrom	Change income tax provisions relating to Social Security benefits
LB166	Crawford	Change filing and enforcement provisions of the Nebraska Political Accountability and Disclosure Act
LB167	Mello	Provide duties for the Office of Violence Prevention and change funding provisions
LB168	Mello	Authorize expansion of existing business improvement districts
LB169	Mello	Change provisions governing the Cash Reserve Fund
LB170	Gloor	Change distribution of the Sports Arena Facility Support Fund
LB171	Gloor	Update references to the Internal Revenue Code
LB172	Chambers	Eliminate certain mandatory minimum penalties
LB173	Chambers	Change habitual criminal provisions
LB174	Schilz	Redefine nonpoint source control systems under the Wastewater Treatment Facilities Construction Assistance Act
LB175	Schilz	Adopt the Livestock Growth Act and change provisions of the Nebraska Advantage Rural Development Act
LB176	Schilz	Change the Competitive Livestock Markets Act
LB177	Haar	Change provisions relating to boards of public power districts
LB178	Watermeier	Change valuation of agricultural land and horticultural land
LB179	Brasch	Require apprentice electricians to complete continuing education
LB180	Scheer	Redefine terms relating to title insurance business
LB181	Smith	Change rotating and flashing light provisions for motor vehicles
LB182	Haar	Create the School Funding and Educational Outcomes Review Committee
LB183	Johnson	Change provisions relating to the Grain Dealer Act
LB184	Ebke	Change prohibited locations to carry a concealed handgun
LB185	Bolz	Appropriate funds to implement the Master Teacher Program Act
LB186	Bolz	Adopt the Property Tax Circuit Breaker Act
LB187	Kintner	Require the Department of Health and Human Services and health care facilities to provide information regarding abortion
LB188	Watermeier	Change provisions relating to innocent third parties injured during a vehicular pursuit
LB189	Davis	Change provisions and penalties relating to marijuana and alphabetize definitions
LB190	Bloomfield	Change concealed handgun permit application provisions
LB191	Bloomfield	Exempt food sold by veterans service organizations from sales and use taxes
LB192	Davis	Require a train crew of at least two individuals
LR10CA	Schumacher	Constitutional amendment to permit the Legislature to authorize and regulate gaming
LR11	Larson	Congratulate Hartington-Newcastle High School for winning the 2014 Class C-1 One-Act Play state championship
LR12	Larson	Congratulate Wausa High School for winning the 2014 Class D-1 One-Act Play state championship
LR13	Larson	Congratulate Kyle Young on achieving the rank of Eagle Scout
LR14	Larson	Congratulate Garrett Gleason on achieving the rank of Eagle Scout
LR15	Larson	Congratulate St. Mary's High School volleyball team for winning the 2014 Class D-1 state championship
LR16	Brasch	Congratulate Tyler English on achieving the rank of Eagle Scout
LR17	Brasch	Congratulate Tyler Simpson on his outstanding performance at the 2014 Class C boys' state track and field championships
LR18	Brasch	Congratulate the Guardian Angels Central Catholic girls' softball team for winning the 2014 Class C state championship
LR19	Brasch	Congratulate the Arlington High School boys' track and field team for their outstanding accomplishments in the 2014 state championships
LR20	Brasch	Congratulate the Bancroft-Rosalie High School boys' golf team for placing third at the 2014 Class D state championship
LR21	McCoy	Recognize mothers of children with omphaloceles for their courageous efforts to advocate for their children

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LB193	Nordquist	Prohibit the collection of interchange fees on specified taxes and provide penalties
LB194	Seiler	Create the Supreme Court Attorney Services Cash Fund
LB195	Seiler	Change provisions relating to summons and orders of garnishment on financial institutions
LB196	Campbell	Change provisions of the Rural Health Systems and Professional Incentive Act

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Bill	Introducer	One-line description
LB197	Scheer	Provide additional powers to certain sanitary and improvement districts
LB198	Williams	Authorize licenses for limited line pre-need funeral insurance
LB199	Howard	Provide for stipends for social work students
LB200	Davis	Change the distribution of sales and use tax revenue and provide duties for the Department of Revenue
LB201	Davis	Change provisions relating to uranium severance taxes
LB202	Davis	Provide for partisan ballots for unaffiliated voters at primary elections
LB203	Schilz	Change provisions relating to a game refuge
LB204	Schilz	Provide a tax credit for certain beer manufacturers
LB205	Schilz	Provide requirements for certain towers
LB206	Schilz	Change the Erosion and Sediment Control Act
LB207	Schilz	Change provisions relating to civil penalties under the Nebraska Chemigation Act
LB208	Schilz	Provide an exemption to water storage reservoir permit requirements as prescribed
LB209	Hilkemann	Adopt the Political Subdivisions Mandatory Mediation Act
LB210	Ebke	Change provisions relating to housing agencies and taxation of mixed-use developments
LB211	Kolowski	Authorize chiropractors to provide school entrance physical examinations and visual evaluations
LB212	Chambers	Prohibit use of restraints in juvenile courts as prescribed
LB213	Schumacher	Provide for withholding of insurance proceeds for demolition purposes
LB214	Schumacher	Provide for electronic signatures on initiative and referendum petitions
LB215	Craighead	Change provisions relating to theft
LB216	Hadley	Correct provisions relating to the streamlined sales and use tax agreement
LB217	Hadley	Revise statute relating to premium taxes
LB218	Hadley	Correct references to a federal act in income tax provisions
LB219	Crawford	Change and eliminate child custody provisions and adopt the Uniform Deployed Parents Custody and Visitation Act
LB220	Smith	Provide for Nebraska 150 Sesquicentennial license plates and distribute fees
LB221	Harr	Provide for disposition of a tenant's personal property upon death
LB222	Harr	Create the Fallen Heroes Memorial Commission and provide duties
LB223	Harr	Change provisions of the Insured Homeowners Protection Act relating to contractor duties and prohibited acts and provide for a required notice
LB224	Harr	Provide and change restrictions relating to electioneering
LB225	Schnoor	Change provisions relating to unlawful possession of a firearm at a school
LB226	Coash	Authorize crowdfunding as prescribed and exempt crowdfunding under the Securities Act of Nebraska
LB227	Hansen	Change provisions relating to educational bridge programs
LB228	Watermeier	Change corporate income tax rates
LB229	Watermeier	Appropriate funds to the Supreme Court for court appointed special advocate state aid
LB230	Mello	Change provisions relating to partition actions
LB231	Smith	Provide for regulation and operation of autocycles
LB232	Nordquist	Adopt the College Choice Grant Program Act
LB233	Howard	Appropriate funds to the Department of Health and Human Services
LB234	Krist	Change provisions relating to filing requirements of insurance companies
LB235	Howard	Adopt the Consumer Protection in Eye Care Act
LR22	Gloor	Interim study to monitor medical care transformation in Nebraska including the health care delivery process of patient-centered medical home

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LB236	Coash	Change and eliminate provisions relating to collection of judgments and public retirement plans
LB237	Coash	Appropriate funds for correctional facilities
LB238	Groene	Change provisions relating to tax-increment financing under the Community Development Law
LB239	Haar	Provide for a Coordinator for Educator Effectiveness and educator evaluation
LB240	Hansen	Change provisions relating to a behavioral health pilot program
LB241	Stinner	Change provisions relating to conveyances of cemetery lots
LB242	Stinner	Change provisions of the Dry Bean Resources Act
LB243	Bolz	Create a pilot project relating to family finding services
LB244	Pansing Brooks	Change provisions relating to motions for new trial based upon discovery of new evidence
LB245	Pansing Brooks	Change provisions relating to DNA testing of biological material
LB246	Sullivan	Redefine a term under the Nebraska Advantage Microenterprise Tax Credit Act
LB247	Sullivan	Change an interest rate provision in the Uniform Partnership Act of 1998
LB248	Sullivan	Prohibit use of interactive wireless devices by school bus drivers as prescribed
LB249	Sullivan	Exempt horses from sales and use taxes
LB250	Larson	Eliminate time restrictions on keno
LB251	Nordquist	Adopt the Veterans Subsidized Training and Employment Act

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Bill	Introducer	One-line description
LB252	Schumacher	Change provisions relating to registration by coordination and federal covered securities under the Securities Act of Nebraska
LB253	Morfeld	Change acknowledgment requirements relating to homesteads
LB254	Morfeld	Adopt the Uniform Unsworn Foreign Declarations Act
LB255	Morfeld	Provide income tax credits for apprenticeships
LB256	Bloomfield	Change the sales tax rate and the distribution of sales tax revenue
LB257	Nordquist	Require insurers to provide descriptions relating to telehealth and telemonitoring
LB258	Nordquist	Adopt the Interstate Medical Licensure Compact
LB259	Gloor	Adopt the Personal Property Tax Relief Act
LB260	Gloor	Authorize the Property Tax Administrator to correct certain errors
LB261	Gloor	Change revenue and taxation provisions
LB262	Johnson	Eliminate refund provisions under the Dairy Industry Development Act
LB263	Johnson	Appropriate funds to the Nebraska State Historical Society
LB264	Morfeld	Provide for issuance of credentials under the Uniform Credentialing Act based on military education, training, or experience
LB265	Campbell	Change provisions relating to juveniles and child welfare
LB266	Crawford	Change provisions relating to jurisdiction for municipalities to enforce ordinances
LB267	Crawford	Change the income tax exemption for military retirement income
LB268	Chambers	Change a penalty from death to life imprisonment without parole, eliminate a homicide report, and change provisions relating to murder in the first degree and restitution
LB269	Hughes	Eliminate a requirement to prepare and distribute a roster of all registered abstracters
LB270	Ebke	Create and eliminate funds administered by the Department of Labor
LB271	Ebke	Change and eliminate provisions of the Employment Security Law
LB272	Crawford	Create a voluntary veterans preference in private employment
LB273	Sullivan	Authorize voters to decide partisan status of county offices
LB274	Hansen	Appropriate funds to the State Department of Education for mentor teacher programs
LB275	Friesen	Change penalties for operating a motor vehicle during a revocation period
LB276	Harr	Exempt certified independent contractors from the Nebraska Workers' Compensation Act
LB277	Harr	Change tax deed lien priority
LB278	Harr	Exempt motor vehicle washing and waxing services from sales and use tax
LB279	Schumacher	Change provisions and fees relating to business entity reinstatement
LB280	Davis	Authorize a school-funding surtax and reduce the levy authority of school districts and learning communities
LR23	Riepe	Urge the United States Dept. of Veterans Affairs to provide veterans with direct access to health care services in each local community in Nebraska
LR24	Murante	Congratulate Gretna High School for winning the 2014 Class A One-Act Play state championship
LR25	Coash	Congratulate Kadynce Mullins for being crowned the 2014 National American Miss Nebraska Princess

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LB281	Kolowski	Adopt the Child Support for College Savings Act
LB282	Baker	Change provisions relating to closed sessions for public bodies
LB283	Baker	Allow school districts and educational service units to make emergency expenditures under the Emergency Management Act
LB284	Riepe	Redefine terms under the Sports Arena Facility Financing Assistance Act
LB285	Riepe	Redefine a term under the Sports Arena Facility Financing Assistance Act
LB286	Craighead	Revise powers of state-chartered banks, building and loan associations, and credit unions
LB287	Haar	Change provisions relating to licensure of interpreters for the deaf and hard of hearing
LB288	Ebke	Prohibit public employers from making certain deductions from wages
LB289	Ebke	Prohibit certain regulation of firearms, ammunition, and firearm accessories by cities and villages as prescribed
LB290	Coash	Eliminate certain notification requirements under the Sex Offender Registration Act and eliminate the offense of unlawful use of the Internet by a prohibited sex offender
LB291	Coash	Remove professional wrestling from the jurisdiction of the State Athletic Commissioner
LB292	Coash	Change provisions relating to the central registry of child protection cases
LB293	Schnoor	Change valuation of agricultural land and horticultural land
LB294	Scheer	Adopt the Human Trafficking Victims Civil Remedy Act and change and adopt provisions relating to service of process, sexual assault, crimes relating to morals, human trafficking, search warrants, juveniles, intercepted communications, and forfeiture of assets
LB295	Scheer	Require municipalities to have county approval before enforcing ordinances in the extraterritorial zoning jurisdiction
LB296	Kolterman	Require the Department of Health and Human Services to provide notification after removal of a child
LB297	Seiler	Change the salaries of Supreme Court judges
LB298	Schumacher	Change provisions relating to credit for reinsurance

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Bill	Introducer	One-line description
LB299	Schumacher	Change provisions relating to admission of evidence of alibi
LB300	Schumacher	Change provisions relating to enforcement of ordinances by sanitary and improvement districts
LB301	Chambers	Change provisions relating to distribution of court opinions
LB302	Campbell	Create the offense of rehoming a child
LB303	Bloomfield	Authorize schools to adopt a child sexual abuse policy
LB304	Hansen	Adopt the Municipal Custodianship for Dissolved Homeowners Associations Act
LB305	Schnoor	Allow veterans aid fund to be used for transportation costs for veterans
LB306	Nordquist	Change the Conveyance Safety Act
LB307	Kolowski	Change provisions relating to stalking and domestic abuse
LB308	Kolowski	Provide for preregistration to vote
LB309	Davis	Appropriate additional funds to the Property Tax Credit Cash Fund
LB310	Davis	Change provisions of the Niobrara Scenic River Act
LB311	Transportation & Telecommunications	Change provisions relating to CLP-learner's permit issuance and applications for commercial drivers' licenses
LB312	Transportation & Telecommunications	Change provisions relating to the letting of highway construction contracts
LB313	Transportation & Telecommunications	Update certain references to federal regulations regarding motor vehicles and motor carriers
LB314	Hansen	State matters subject to county court jurisdiction
LB315	Howard	Change provisions relating to medicaid recovery audit contractors
LB316	Kintner	Prohibit joining certain interstate compacts and the sharing of red light camera and speed camera information with other compact members as prescribed
LB317	Kintner	Repeal the Midwest Interstate Passenger Rail Compact
LB318	Kuehn	State intent to fund planning and development regions
LB319	Smith	Change provisions relating to elections conducted by mail
LB320	Bolz	Adopt the Aging and Disability Resource Center Act
LB321	Bolz	Adopt the Nebraska Industrial New Job-training Act and authorize certain payments and taxes
LB322	Bolz	Increase child and dependent care tax credits
LB323	Davis	Create the School Financing Review Commission
LB324	McCollister	Provide authority to sanitary and improvement districts to contract for solid waste collection services
LB325	Davis	Change levy provisions for rural and suburban fire protection districts
LB326	Williams	Change provisions relating to marijuana, amphetamine, and methamphetamine
LB327	Williams	Change provisions relating to garnishment
LB328	Schilz	Change provisions of the Private Onsite Wastewater Treatment System Contractors Certification and System Registration Act
LB329	Schilz	Adopt the Nebraska Agritourism Promotion Act
LB330	Larson	Change provisions relating to alcoholic liquor
LB331	Nordquist	Adopt the Bioscience Impact Opportunity Act
LB332	Kuehn	Appropriate funds for the statewide prescription drug disposal project
LB333	Gloor	Adopt the Health Care Services Transformation Act
LB334	Mello	Repeal the Nebraska Workforce Investment Act
LB335	Mello	Create and provide duties for the Intergenerational Poverty Task Force
LB336	Harr	Change provisions relating to the Nebraska Condominium Act
LB337	Harr	Rename and change the Low-Income Home Energy Conservation Act
LB338	Brasch	Provide a docket fee for paternity determinations and parental support proceedings
LB339	Howard	Change provisions relating to payment of costs for proceedings before the Nebraska Liquor Control Commission
LB340	Brasch	Provide signage requirements and duties for the Nebraska State Patrol under the Concealed Handgun Permit Act
LB341	Howard	Provide requirements relating to health benefit plan coverage for insureds in jail custody
LB342	Howard	Permit insurers to contract for pharmacist professional services
LB343	Kolowski	Provide funding for schools offering certain programs and courses as prescribed
LB344	Kolowski	Provide natural resources districts with the power to issue general obligation bonds
LB345	Kolowski	Adopt the Property Tax Relief Act
LB346	Krist	Require a medicaid state plan amendment to cover children's day health services
LB347	Krist	Expand the jurisdiction of the Inspector General to the juvenile justice system
LB348	Krist	Change provisions relating to automatic teller machines and point-of-sale terminals
LB349	Krist	Change provisions relating to acquisitions of real property
LB350	Brasch	Change valuation of agricultural land and horticultural land
LB351	Brasch	Change state aid provisions relating to allocated income tax funds
LB352	Scheer	Change provisions relating to the issuance of a mortgage banker license and recordkeeping by licensees
LB353	Campbell	Change credentialing provisions for nursing home administrators
LB354	McCollister	Change provisions relating to crime victims and witnesses
LB355	Morfeld	Change provisions relating to certain education funding as prescribed

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Bill	Introducer	One-line description
LB356	Harr	Change provisions relating to the assessment of certain rent-restricted housing projects
LB357	Smith	Change income tax rates and transfer funds from the Cash Reserve Fund
LB358	Garrett	Change paternity provisions for a child conceived as a result of sexual assault
LB359	Johnson	Change a fee collected from dog licensees
LB360	Johnson	Change provisions of the Commercial Dog and Cat Operator Inspection Act
LB361	Harr	Clarify that certain assessments levied as prescribed are levied and collected as special assessments
LB362	Krist	Change eminent domain provisions relating to school sites
LB363	Nordquist	Provide time limits and penalties for late medical payments under the Nebraska Workers' Compensation Act
LB364	Watermeier	Provide for transfers to the Property Tax Credit Cash Fund and appropriations
LB365	Baker	Allow school districts and educational service units to keep electronic records
LB366	Pansing Brooks	Change the personal needs allowance under the Medical Assistance Act
LB367	Groene	Eliminate a restriction on paying petition circulators based on number of signatures
LB368	Groene	Prohibit certain activities interfering with petition circulators
LB369	Riepe	Change provisions relating to impaired credential holders under the Uniform Credentialing Act
LB370	Riepe	Provide for an amendment to the medicaid state plan relating to dyslexia treatment
LB371	Sullivan	Create and provide duties for the Nebraska Council for Educational Success
LB372	Craighead	Adopt the First-time Home Buyer Savings Plan Act and provide income tax adjustments
LB373	Hilkemann	Change provisions regarding school bus safety
LB374	Haar	Direct transfers from the State Recreation Road Fund
LB375	Craighead	Change provisions relating to broker's price opinions and comparative market analysis
LR26CA	Larson	Constitutional amendment to change the age for eligibility to public office
LR27	Ebke	Congratulate the Exeter-Milligan High School football team for winning the 2014 Class D-2 state championship

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LB376	Hansen	Provide that public charitable corporations are subject to the Deferred Building Renewal Act
LB377	Kolterman	Change provisions and procedures relating to the disposition, care, custody, and costs associated with the impoundment of dogs or cats
LB378	Groene	Change requirements for voter approval of borrowing money for public improvements by a first-class city
LB379	Bolz	Adopt the Expanded Learning Opportunity Grant Program Act
LB380	Morfeld	Create and provide duties for the Higher Education Affordability Commission
LB381	Cook	State intent relating to appropriations for housing services
LB382	Cook	Change provisions of the Diploma of High School Equivalency Assistance Act and state intent relating to certain transfers
LB383	Hansen	Permit registered voters moving within Nebraska without re-registering to vote provisionally
LB384	Lindstrom	Provide for reclassification of agricultural land and horticultural land
LB385	Lindstrom	Change provisions relating to forcible entry and detainer and the Uniform Residential Landlord and Tenant Act
LB386	Watermeier	Change a sales tax exemption for agricultural machinery and equipment
LB387	Schnoor	Transfer funds from the Cash Reserve Fund to the Property Tax Credit Cash Fund
LB388	Hansen	Provide annual adjustments for total disability income benefits under the Nebraska Workers' Compensation Act
LB389	Kuehn	Change license and inspection fees under the Commercial Dog and Cat Operator Inspection Act
LB390	Crawford	Provide for the use of medical marijuana as prescribed
LB391	Crawford	Change sales tax collection fees for motor vehicles
LB392	Crawford	Change and eliminate learning community provisions relating to levy authority, distribution of core services funds, and state aid calculations
LB393	Schilz	Change provisions of the Livestock Animal Welfare Act
LB394	Schilz	Prohibit interference with hunting, trapping, or fishing by intimidation using a telephone or other communication device
LB395	Schilz	Adopt the Nebraska Enterprise Act and authorize grants for economic development
LB396	Riepe	Allow an income tax credit for certain long-term care insurance policy premiums
LB397	Harr	State intent relating to funding for a lead-based paint hazard reduction grant
LB398	Harr	Exempt all tangible personal property from property tax
LB399	Smith	Provide Public Service Commission powers regarding transportation network service
LB400	Smith	Change filing requirements for statements of financial interest
LB401	Kolterman	Adopt the College Tuition Equalization Grant Program
LB402	Baker	Change and eliminate provisions relating to distance education incentives
LB403	Davis	Change requirements for elections by mail
LB404	Davis	Provide for evidentiary hearings relating to certain water-use applications
LB405	Davis	Create the Alzheimer's and Related Disorders Advisory Work Group and provide for a state plan
LB406	Morfeld	Change provisions relating to actions for the recovery of vacant, platted, and subdivided real property as prescribed
LB407	Haar	Change and eliminate provisions relating to certified renewable export facilities as prescribed
LB408	Kolterman	Change a penalty for failure to pay taxes
LB409	McCollister	Change provisions relating to landlords and tenants

# NEW BILLS

Bill	Introducer	One-line description
LB410	Sullivan	Change eligibility provisions relating to the Access College Early Scholarship Program Act
LB411	Cook	Change provisions relating to the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program
LB412	Mello	Change provisions relating to the Rural Community-Based Energy Development Act
LB413	Mello	Provide for the evaluation of permits issued to political subdivisions by the Department of Environmental Quality regarding water quality
LB414	Harr	Provide a property tax exemption for fraternal benefit societies
LB415	Pansing Brooks	Change provisions relating to the Uniform Interstate Family Support Act
LB416	Pansing Brooks	Change provisions relating to transfers of property upon death
LB417	Nordquist	Appropriate funds to the University of Nebraska for pediatric cancer research
LB418	Nordquist	Change distribution of cigarette tax proceeds
LB419	Mello	Exempt sales and purchases by zoos and aquariums from sales and use tax
LB420	Crawford	Require acknowledgments from purchasers of real estate in a sanitary and improvement district
LB421	Kintner	Eliminate a learning community and provide for distribution of assets as prescribed
LB422	Howard	Provide for reasonable fees and costs for proceedings involving a minor under the Probate Code
LB423	Nordquist	Change a renewable energy tax credit
LB424	Davis	Change provisions relating to the nameplate capacity tax
LB425	Riepe	Provide for earned time and discontinue the use of good time
LB426	Riepe	Provide for violent offenders and provide powers and duties for the Director of Correctional Services, the Parole Administrator, the Board of Parole, and parole officers
LB427	Groene	Provide for payment of probation office costs by the state
LB428	Garrett	Provide an exemption from motor vehicle taxation for certain veterans
LB429	Smith	Provide for medical utilization and treatment guidelines under the Nebraska Workers' Compensation Act
LB430	Mello	Change appropriation provisions

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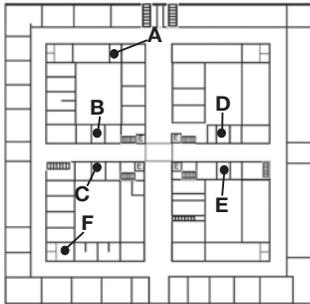
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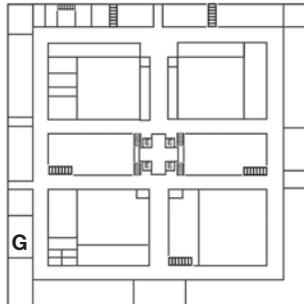
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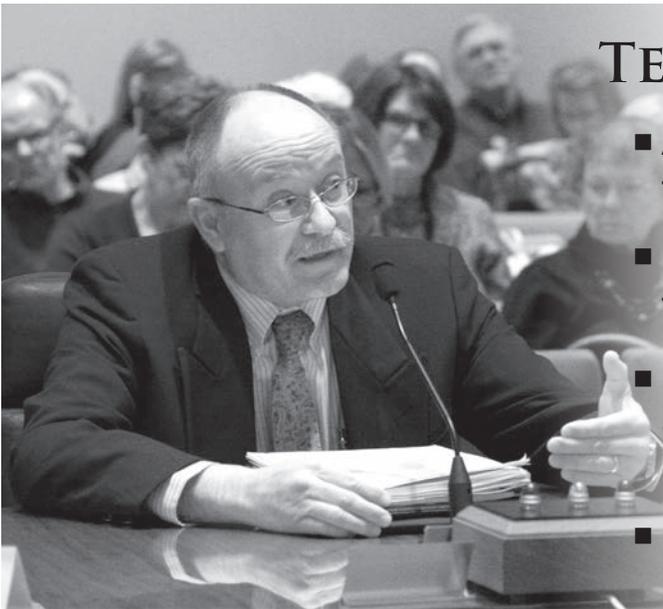


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2102 (G)	Business & Labor	M
1525 (C)	Education	M, Tu
1510 (D)	General Affairs	M
1507 (E)	Government, Military & Veterans Affairs	W, Th, F
1510 (D)	Health & Human Services	W, Th, F
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1525 (C)	Nebraska Retirement Systems	(Meets at noon as scheduled)
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## **Tuesday, January 20**

### **Agriculture**

#### **Room 2102 - 1:30 p.m.**

LB91 (Johnson) Repeal obsolete provisions relating to scabies, diseased swine, and hog cholera  
 LB92 (Johnson) Change provisions of the Agricultural Liming Materials Act  
 LB93 (Johnson) Change provisions of the Nebraska Commercial Fertilizer and Soil Conditioner Act

### **Banking, Commerce & Insurance**

#### **Room 1507 - 1:30 p.m.**

LB145 (Watermeier) Change provisions governing active executive officers of banks and provide the Department of Banking and Finance with certain powers  
 LB35 (Howard) Change the Nebraska Model Business Corporation Act operative date and change Business Corporation Act references  
 LB115 (Scheer) Prohibit certain actions related to social security numbers  
 LB155 (Williams) Change provisions relating to capital stock requirements and clearing and settlement of checks

### **Education**

#### **Room 1525 - 1:30 p.m.**

LB99 (Sullivan) Eliminate a reporting duty for the Education Committee of the Legislature  
 LB100 (Sullivan) Provide for allocation of state aid to tribally controlled community colleges  
 LB101 (Sullivan) Change provisions relating to statewide assessment of student learning and reporting  
 LB103 (Kintner) Change provisions relating to participation in extracurricular activities as prescribed  
 LB18 (Krist) Change provisions relating to immunizations for students

### **Nebraska Retirement Systems**

#### **Room 1524 - 12:00 p.m.**

LB41 (Nordquist) Redefine county for county retirement plan purposes  
 LB42 (Nordquist) Change the due date for certain retirement plan reporting  
 LB126 (Nordquist) Change a combined contribution retirement benefit rate as prescribed

### **Transportation & Telecommunications**

#### **Room 1113 - 1:30 p.m.**

LB39 (Kolowski) Change provisions regarding passing bicycles and bicycle operating regulations  
 LB95 (Smith) Provide for operation and regulation of electric-powered bicycles  
 LB97 (Smith) Eliminate additional fees for Pearl Harbor and disabled veteran license plates

### **Urban Affairs**

#### **Room 1510 - 1:30 p.m.**

LB150 (Urban Affairs) Redefine terms under the Local Option Municipal Economic Development Act  
 LB151 (Urban Affairs) Provide for a person designated to accept city or village notices in cases of mortgaged property or trust deed default  
 LB152 (Urban Affairs) Authorize cities and villages to borrow from state-chartered or federally chartered financial institutions as prescribed

## **Wednesday, January 21**

### **Government, Military & Veterans Affairs**

#### **Room 1507 - 1:30 p.m.**

LB84 (Davis) Permit a public body to use telephone conferencing or videoconferencing for public meetings  
 LB65 (Schumacher) Change provisions relating to termination of township boards  
 LB135 (Johnson) Change provisions relating to termination of township boards  
 LB177 (K. Haar) Change provisions relating to boards of public power districts

### **Health & Human Services**

#### **Room 1510 - 1:30 p.m.**

LB27 (Krist) Create a reporting requirement under the Vital Statistics Act when parenting time is established or modified  
 LB37 (Krist) Adopt the Prescription Drug Safety Act and change and transfer pharmacy, prescription, and drug provisions  
 LB87 (Campbell) Change membership of the Nebraska Children's Commission

### **Judiciary**

#### **Room 1113 - 1:30 p.m.**

LB88 (Campbell) Change fees relating to marriage licenses  
 LB66 (Schumacher) Require political subdivisions to make disclosures regarding bonds and provide for liability  
 LB72 (Schumacher) Change and provide provisions relating to trustees, liens for medicaid reimbursement, and inheritance tax petitions  
 LB43 (Coash) Provide for standby guardians and recovery of assets under the Nebraska Probate Code  
 LB22 (Krist) Provide immunity from liability for engineers and architects for emergency services

### **Natural Resources**

#### **Room 1525 - 1:30 p.m.**

LB142 (Schilz) Create the Aquatic Invasive Species Program and provide funding

### **Revenue**

#### **Room 1524 - 1:30 p.m.**

LB170 (Gloor) Change distribution of the Sports Arena Facility Support Fund  
 LB171 (Gloor) Update references to the Internal Revenue Code

## **Thursday, January 22**

### **Government, Military & Veterans Affairs**

#### **Room 1507 - 1:30 p.m.**

LB16 (Krist) Adopt the Purchasing from Persons with Disabilities Act  
 LB24 (Krist) Change provisions relating to the Nebraska Capitol Commission  
 LB55 (Scheer) Provide authority to the Adjutant General to make expenditures for a disaster or emergency  
 LB163 (Crawford) Create an emergency management registry allowing for public-provided data

### **Health & Human Services**

#### **Room 1510 - 1:30 p.m.**

*Briefing on Neb. Children's Commission Annual Report*  
*Briefing on the Inspector General of Child Welfare Annual Report*  
*Briefing on the Foster Care Review Office Annual Report*  
*Briefing on the Child and Maternal Death Review Team Annual Report*

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LB107 (Crawford) Eliminate integrated practice agreements and provide for transition-to-practice agreements for nurse practitioners

## Judiciary

### Room 1113 - 1:30 p.m.

LB60 (Kintner) Authorize possession of firearms as prescribed  
LB137 (Johnson) Change provisions relating to discharge of a firearm  
LB190 (Bloomfield) Change concealed handgun permit application provisions  
LB184 (Ebke) Change prohibited locations to carry a concealed handgun

## Natural Resources

### Room 1525 - 1:30 p.m.

LB174 (Schilz) Redefine nonpoint source control systems under the Wastewater Treatment Facilities Construction Assistance Act

## Revenue

### Room 1524 - 1:30 p.m.

LB68 (Schumacher) Eliminate stepped-up basis of inherited real estate  
LB71 (Schumacher) Adopt the Agricultural Property Tax Credit Act  
LB76 (Schumacher) Change provisions relating to the earned income tax credit and the homestead exemption

## Friday, January 23

### Government, Military & Veterans Affairs

#### Room 1507 - 1:30 p.m.

LB111 (Larson) Require identification to vote  
LB121 (Schumacher) Require voter identification and secret-ballot envelopes  
LB112 (Larson) Adopt the Interstate Compact on the Agreement Among the States to Elect the President by National Popular Vote

## Health & Human Services

### Room 1510 - 1:30 p.m.

*Appointment:* Bartee, Todd - Neb. Child Abuse Prevention Fund Board  
*Appointment:* Flood, Mary Fran - Neb. Child Abuse Prevention Fund Board  
LB23 (Krist) Change the Engineers and Architects Regulation Act  
LB90 (Campbell) Change provisions

for directed review under the Nebraska Regulation of Health Professions Act

## Judiciary

### Room 1113 - 1:30 p.m.

LB44 (Coash) Change provisions relating to a notice of objection to adoption  
LB188 (Watermeier) Change provisions relating to innocent third parties injured during a vehicular pursuit  
LB209 (Hilkemann) Adopt the Political Subdivisions Mandatory Mediation Act  
LB219 (Crawford) Change and eliminate child custody provisions and adopt the Uniform Deployed Parents Custody and Visitation Act

## Natural Resources

### Room 1525 - 1:30 p.m.

LB86 (Davis) Change number of districts and members of Game and Parks Commission

## Revenue

### Room 1524 - 1:30 p.m.

*Appointment:* Sorensen, Ruth A. - Department of Revenue  
LB260 (Gloor) Authorize the Property Tax Administrator to correct certain errors  
LB261 (Gloor) Change revenue and taxation provisions  
LB52 (Scheer) Exempt sanitary drainage districts from sales and use taxes  
LB70 (Schumacher) Authorize an occupation tax on certain mechanical amusement devices  
LB74 (Schumacher) Change sales and use tax collection fees

## Monday, January 26

### Banking, Commerce & Insurance 1507 - 1:30 PM

LB159 (Hadley) Define and redefine terms under the Public Accountancy Act  
LB157 (McCollister) Change operative date provisions relating to the Nebraska Model Business Corporation Act  
LB279 (Schumacher) Change provisions and fees relating to business entity reinstatement  
LB247 (Sullivan) Change an interest rate provision in the Uniform Partnership Act of 1998

## Business & Labor

### Room 2102 - 1:30 p.m.

*Appointment:* Albin, John - Department of Labor  
LB83 (Cook) Provide certain protections for employees relating to wage disclosure  
LB270 (Ebke) Create and eliminate funds administered by the Department of Labor  
LB271 (Ebke) Change and eliminate provisions of the Employment Security Law

## Education

### Room 1525 - 1:30 p.m.

LB109 (Crawford) Change residency requirements for veterans attending a public college or university  
LB239 (K. Haar) Provide for a Coordinator for Educator Effectiveness and educator evaluation  
LB54 (Scheer) Change provisions relating to postsecondary education statewide transfer-of credit policies  
LB144 (Davis) Reduce levy authority of community colleges and increase state aid to community colleges

## General Affairs

### Room 1015 - 1:30 p.m.

LB250 (Larson) Eliminate time restrictions on keno  
LB17 (Krist) Change provisions relating to transfers to the Compulsive Gamblers Assistance Fund  
LB118 (Larson) Provide for licensure of cigar shops  
LB241 (Stinner) Change provisions relating to conveyances of cemetery lots  
LB179 (Brasch) Require apprentice electricians to complete continuing education  
LB160 (Larson) Allow financial institutions to operate gift enterprises  
LR10CA (Schumacher) Constitutional amendment to permit the Legislature to authorize and regulate gaming  
LB330 (Larson) Change provisions relating to alcoholic liquor

## Transportation & Telecommunications

### Room 1113 - 1:30 p.m.

*Appointment:* Lahm, Rhonda K. - Dept. of Motor Vehicles

LB45 (Coash) Eliminate film vehicle provisions under the Motor Vehicle Registration Act  
 LB47 (Watermeier) Change provisions relating to anatomical gifts under the Motor Vehicle Operator's License Act  
 LB220 (Smith) Provide for Nebraska 150 Sesquicentennial license plates and distribute fees  
 LB181 (Smith) Change rotating and flashing light provisions for motor vehicles

**Tuesday, January 27**

**Agriculture**

**Room 2102 - 1:30 p.m.**

*Appointment:* Ibach, Greg - Department of Agriculture  
 LB85 (Davis) To increase the maximum brand inspection fee amount that may be established by the Nebraska Brand Committee  
 LB183 (Johnson) Change provisions relating to the Grain Dealer Act

**Banking, Commerce & Insurance**

**Room 1507 - 1:30 p.m.**

*Appointment:* Quandahl, Mark - Dept. of Banking and Finance  
*Appointment:* Ramge, Bruce - Dept. of Insurance  
 LB269 (Hughes) Eliminate a requirement to prepare and distribute a roster of all registered abstracters  
 LB198 (Williams) Authorize licenses for limited line pre-need funeral insurance  
 LB139 (Johnson) Change and eliminate provisions relating to the Real Property Appraiser Act

**Nebraska Retirement Systems**

**Room 1525 - 12:00 p.m.**

LB40 (Nordquist) Grant investigative powers to the Public Employees Retirement Board  
 LB236 (Coash) Change and eliminate provisions relating to collection of judgments and public retirement plans

**Urban Affairs**

**1510 - 1:30 p.m.**

LB168 (Mello) Authorize expansion of existing business improvement districts  
 LB116 (K. Haar) Change election procedures and membership for certain sanitary and improvement district boards of trustees  
 LB131 (Craighead) Change provisions relating to annexation and prohibit sanitary and improvement districts from spending certain assets

LB149 (Urban Affairs) Change provisions relating to election procedures for sanitary and improvement districts

**Wednesday, January 28**

**Health & Human Services**

**Room 1510 - 1:30 p.m.**

LB12 (Krist) Suspend medical assistance provided to persons who become inmates of public institutions  
 LB129 (B. Harr) Require criminal background checks for applicants for an initial nursing license  
 LB77 (Nordquist) Require a medicaid state plan amendment for family planning services and state intent relating to appropriations for the Every Woman Matters program

**Thursday, January 29**

**Health & Human Services**

**Room 1510 - 1:30 p.m.**

LB46 (Watermeier) Change provisions

of the Statewide Trauma System Act  
 LB34 (Howard) Adopt the Carbon Monoxide Safety Act  
 LB146 (Crawford) Provide for disposition of unclaimed cremated remains in a veteran cemetery

**Friday, January 30**

**Health & Human Services**

**Room 1510 - 1:30 p.m.**

*Appointment:* Hilgert, John - Division of Veterans Homes-Department of Health and Human Services  
*Appointment:* Acierno, Joseph - Division of Public Health-Department of Health and Human Services  
 LB19 (Krist) Change provisions relating to laboratory certification under the Nebraska Safe Drinking Water Safety Act  
 LB148 (Crawford) Provide for medical assistance program coverage for certain youth formerly in foster care ■

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	HOLIDAY	DAY 27	DAY 28	DAY 29	DAY 30	
	DAY 31	DAY 32	DAY 33	DAY 34	DAY 35	

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<b>March</b>						
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	DAY 36	DAY 37	DAY 38	DAY 39	DAY 40	
	DAY 41	DAY 42	DAY 43	DAY 44	RECESS	
	DAY 45	DAY 46	DAY 47	DAY 48	DAY 49	
	DAY 50	DAY 51	DAY 52	DAY 53	RECESS	
	DAY 54	DAY 55				

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<b>April</b>						
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			DAY 56	DAY 57	RECESS	
	RECESS	DAY 58	DAY 59	DAY 60	DAY 61	
	DAY 62	DAY 63	DAY 64	DAY 65	RECESS	
	DAY 66	DAY 67	DAY 68	DAY 69	HOLIDAY	
	RECESS	DAY 70	DAY 71	DAY 72		

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<b>May</b>						
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	DAY 73					
	DAY 74	DAY 75	DAY 76	DAY 77	RECESS	
	RECESS	DAY 78	DAY 79	DAY 80	DAY 81	
	DAY 82	DAY 83	DAY 84	DAY 85	RECESS	
	HOLIDAY	DAY 86	DAY 87	DAY 88	DAY 89	

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<b>June</b>						
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14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30				
	RECESS	RECESS	RECESS	RECESS	DAY 90	

**Federal & State Holidays**

January 19 – Martin Luther King Jr. Day      April 24 – Arbor Day  
 February 16 – Presidents' Day                  May 25 – Memorial Day

**Legislative Recess Days**

February 13    April 3, 6, 17, 27  
 March 13, 27                                        May 8, 11, 22  
    June 1, 2, 3, 4

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Paintings of civil rights icons were displayed in the Capitol Rotunda Jan. 16 during a celebration of Martin Luther King Jr. Day. The works were painted by eighth-graders at Lincoln's Schoo Middle School to mark the 20th anniversary of the annual Martin Luther King Jr. Youth Rally and March.

Pictured above, from left: Tuskegee Airmen (African-American war heroes of World War II), JoAnn Maxey (the first African-American woman to serve as a state senator in the Nebraska Unicameral), and Jackie Robinson (the first African-American Major League Baseball player). The annual Martin Luther King Jr. Day celebration is sponsored by the state Ombudsman's Office.