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UPDATE

Legislature convenes, elects leaders



Senators elected in November take the oath of office, administered by Nebraska Supreme Court Chief Justice Michael Heavican (at podium).

The 103rd Nebraska Legislature convened Jan. 9 for its 90-day first session. Eleven new members were sworn into office and senators were elected to serve as chairpersons of the Legislature's standing committees.

York Sen. Greg Adams was uncontested in his bid to replace outgoing Speaker of the Legislature, Norfolk Sen. Mike Flood, who left office due to term limits.

Adams said he was humbled to follow in the footsteps of previous speakers and that he would bring no agenda to the position other than a desire to assist fellow senators in doing their job to the best of their ability.

"I have an agenda of fairness above all else, of making good policy," Adams said, "and an agenda for protecting and promulgating the integrity and the culture and the history of this institution."

Term limits also opened up leadership positions in six of the Legislature's 14 standing committees. Omaha Sen.

Heath Mello was chosen to lead the Appropriations Committee over North Platte Sen. Tom Hansen.

Mello said his goal as chairperson will be to ensure a fair, consensus-driven budget process as the Legislature faces issues regarding a possible Medicaid expansion, water policy and rebuilding the state's cash reserve.

"Consensus is needed now more than ever," Mello said.

Holdrege Sen. Tom Carlson defeated Sen. Mark Christensen of Imperial in the race to chair the Natural Resources Committee. Carlson cited protection of the state's Ogallala Aquifer as one of the top priorities for the committee, calling water the "lifblood" of Nebraska agriculture.

Sen. Annette Dubas of Fullerton was chosen over Sen. Scott Price of Bellevue to lead the Transportation and Telecommunications Committee. Dubas said her established working relationships with various state agen-

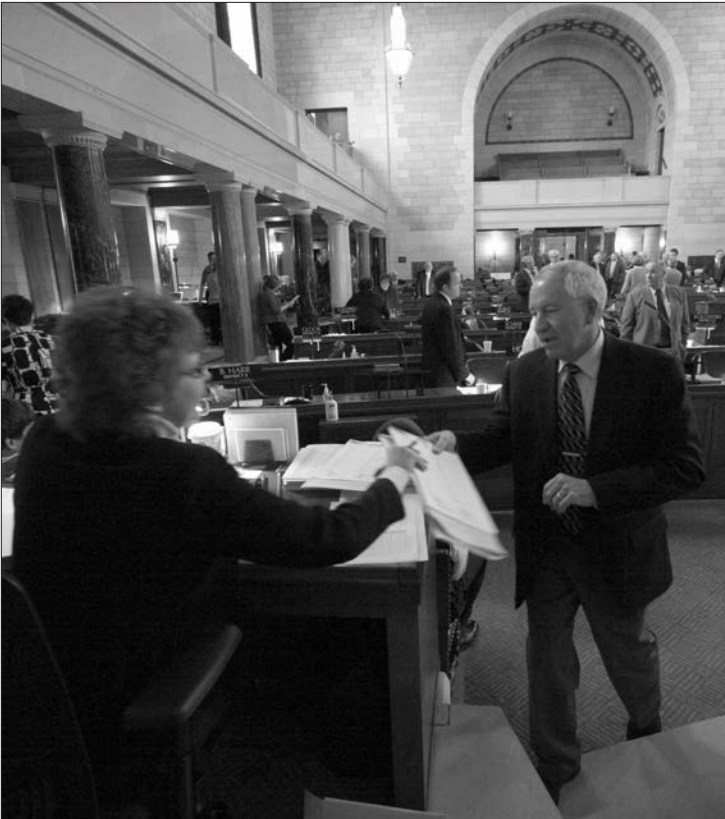
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Senators stand at attention as the colors are presented on the first day of session.



Sen. Dan Watermeier submits a bill to Clerk's Office staff Jan. 10.

cies would help the committee advance Nebraska's infrastructure needs.

"We will work to map out statewide policy for the short- and long-term infrastructure needs of our state," she said.

Sen. Ken Schilz of Ogallala ran unopposed to lead the Agriculture Committee. Also elected in uncontested races were: Sen. Mike Gloor of Grand Island to chair the Banking, Commerce and Insurance Committee; Sen. Kate Sullivan of Cedar Rapids to chair the Education Committee; and Sen. Galen Hadley of Kearney to chair the Revenue Committee.

Omaha Sen. Steve Lathrop was re-elected chairperson of the Business and Labor Committee.

Also re-elected were: Wilber Sen. Russ Karpisek as chairperson of the General Affairs Committee; Lincoln Sen. Bill Avery as chairperson of the Government, Military and Veterans Affairs Committee; Lincoln Sen. Kathy Campbell as chairperson of the Health and Human Services Committee; Omaha Sen. Brad Ashford as chairperson of the Judiciary Committee; Omaha Sen. Jeremy Nordquist as chairperson of the Retirement Systems Committee; and Lincoln Sen. Amanda McGill as chairperson of the Urban Affairs Committee.

Sen. Ernie Chambers of Omaha returned to the Legislature this session. After serving 38 years in the Unicameral, Chambers left the Legislature in 2008 due to term limits. He was eligible to run again in 2012 and was re-elected to represent District 11 in Omaha.

Other new members sworn in were Sens. Kate Bolz of Lincoln; Sue Crawford of Omaha; Al Davis of Hyannis; Sara Howard of Omaha; Jerry Johnson of Wahoo; Bill Kintner of Papillion; Ron Kolowski of Omaha; John Murante of Gretna; Jim Scheer of Norfolk; and Dan Watermeier of Syracuse.

New bills may be introduced for the first 10 legislative days, or until Jan. 23.

Gov. Dave Heineman's State of the State address is scheduled for Jan. 15. Committee hearings are scheduled to begin Jan. 22 and continue through March.

The session will last 90 legislative days and is scheduled to adjourn June 5. ■

OPENING DAY PHOTOS



Family and friends gathered in the Norris Chamber to wish senators well on the first day of session Jan. 9.

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Members: Sens. Bloomfield, Chambers, Hansen, B. Harr, Johnson, Lathrop and Wallman

Meets: Tuesdays – Room 2102



Sen. Ken Schilz

Appropriations

Chairperson: Sen. Heath Mello

Members: Sens. Bolz, Conrad, Harms, Kintner, Larson, Nelson, Nordquist and Wightman

Meets: Mondays and Tuesdays – Room 1524; Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays – Room 1003



Sen. Heath Mello

Banking, Commerce & Insurance

Chairperson: Sen. Mike Gloor

Members: Sens. Campbell, Carlson, Christensen, Crawford, Howard, Pirsch and Schumacher

Meets: Mondays and Tuesdays – Room 1507



Sen. Mike Gloor

Business & Labor

Chairperson: Sen. Steve Lathrop

Members: Sens. Ashford, Chambers, Hansen, B. Harr, McGill and Wallman

Meets: Mondays – Room 2102



Sen. Steve Lathrop

Education

Chairperson: Sen. Kate Sullivan

Members: Sens. Avery, Cook, Davis, K. Haar, Kolowski, Scheer and Seiler

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Sen. Kate Sullivan

General Affairs

Chairperson: Sen. Russ Karpisek

Members: Sens. Bloomfield, Coash, Johnson, Krist, Lautenbaugh, Murante and Schilz

Meets: Mondays – Room 1510



Sen. Russ Karpisek

Government, Military & Veterans Affairs

Chairperson: Sen. Bill Avery

Members: Sens. Bloomfield, Karpisek, Lautenbaugh, Murante, Price, Scheer and Wallman

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Sen. Bill Avery

Health & Human Services

Chairperson: Sen. Kathy Campbell

Members: Sens. Cook, Crawford, Gloor, Howard, Krist and Watermeier

Meets: Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays – Room 1510



Sen. Kathy Campbell

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Sen. Brad Ashford

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Members: Sens. Brasch, Dubas, K. Haar, Johnson, Kolowski, Schilz and Smith

Meets: Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays – Room 1525



Sen. Tom Carlson

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Chairperson: Sen. Jeremy Nordquist

Members: Sens. Conrad, Davis, Karpisek, Kolowski and Mello

Meets: At the call of the chairperson – Room 1525



Sen. Jeremy Nordquist

Revenue

Chairperson: Sen. Galen Hadley

Members: Sens. Hansen, B. Harr, Janssen, McCoy, Pirsch, Schumacher and Sullivan

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Sen. Galen Hadley

Transportation & Telecommunications

Chairperson: Sen. Annette Dubas

Members: Sens. Brasch, Hadley, Janssen, McCoy, Price, Smith and Watermeier

Meets: Mondays and Tuesdays – Room 1113



Sen. Annette Dubas

Urban Affairs

Chairperson: Sen. Amanda McGill

Members: Sens. Ashford, Coash, Karpisek, Krist, Lautenbaugh and Murante

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Sen. Amanda McGill

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Members: Sens. Krist (VC), Adams, Avery, Campbell, Chambers, Christensen, Karpisek, Lathrop and Mello (nonvoting ex officio)



Sen. John Wightman

Committee on Committees

Chairperson: Sen. Beau McCoy

Members: Sens. Coash (VC), Adams, Ashford, Campbell, Carlson, Conrad, Davis, Hadley, Krist, Lathrop, Mello and Sullivan



Sen. Beau McCoy

BILLS INTRODUCED JAN. 10

| Bill | Introducer | One-line description |
|------|-----------------|--|
| LB1 | Executive Board | Revisor bill to repeal an obsolete section relating to a report relating to human trafficking |
| LB2 | Executive Board | Revisor bill to repeal obsolete sections relating to appropriations |
| LB3 | Krist | Change filing provisions relating to nonconsensual liens |
| LB4 | Krist | Change Nebraska Health Care Cash Fund transfer provisions |
| LB5 | Krist | Exempt social security benefits and military retirement income from income taxation |
| LB6 | Krist | Create the Nebraska Commission on Problem Gambling |
| LB7 | Krist | Change and eliminate provisions relating to signatures and seals under the Engineers and Architects Regulation Act |
| LB8 | Krist | Provide for coverage of children's day services under medicaid and social services |
| LB9 | Krist | Change provisions relating to transportation for students in learning communities |
| LB10 | Krist | Change and eliminate provisions relating to occupant protection systems |
| LB11 | Krist | Change provisions relating to surcharges for 911 service |
| LB12 | Krist | Change product liability action statute of limitations |
| LB13 | Krist | Require radon resistant construction and radon mitigation statements for residential construction and create a building codes task force |
| LB14 | Krist | Adopt the Elementary and Secondary Educational Opportunity Act and provide for income tax credits |
| LB15 | Krist | Change Pesticide Act provisions |
| LB16 | Christensen | Change provisions relating to title to Champion Mill State Historical Park |
| LB17 | Nordquist | Exempt social security benefits from state income taxation |
| LB18 | Nordquist | Prohibit members of the Legislature and certain constitutional officers from participating in the state insurance program |
| LB19 | Nordquist | Change provisions of the Conveyance Safety Act |
| LB20 | Nordquist | State intent relating to appropriations for the rural health provider incentive program |
| LB21 | Lathrop | Eliminate a Nebraska Workers' Compensation Act sunset provision for certain benefits |
| LB22 | Hadley | Change Parenting Act provisions relating to parenting plans |
| LB23 | Hadley | Change allocations of the ICF/MR Reimbursement Protection Fund |
| LB24 | Hadley | Update references to the Internal Revenue Code |
| LB25 | Hadley | Change provisions relating to the cigarette tax and the tobacco products tax |
| LB26 | Hadley | Change the commission allowed to stamping agents for the cigarette tax |
| LB27 | Hadley | Change experience requirements under the Public Accountancy Act |
| LB28 | Hadley | Change a late filing penalty relating to personal property tax |
| LB29 | Hadley | Provide a duty for county treasurers relating to recording tax assessments and collections |
| LB30 | Hadley | Change distribution of motor vehicle certificate of title fees |
| LB31 | Hadley | Change provisions relating to parking permits for temporarily handicapped or disabled persons |
| LB32 | Hadley | Change provisions relating to historical vehicle license plates |
| LB33 | Hadley | Change and eliminate certain revenue laws and authorize agreements relating to tax collection |
| LB34 | Hadley | Change provisions of the Nebraska Advantage Act |
| LB35 | Hadley | Adopt and update references to certain federal provisions related to motor vehicles |
| LB36 | Wightman | Change an exemption to the documentary stamp tax |
| LB37 | Wightman | Change provisions relating to powers of personal representative with respect to a decedent's Internet sites |
| LB38 | Wightman | Change provisions relating to testamentary powers |
| LB39 | Harms | Change and eliminate references to the Legislative Performance Audit Section |
| LB40 | Harms | Update references to Government Auditing Standards |
| LB41 | Cook | Provide for permanent early voting request list and return of early voting ballots to polling places |
| LB42 | Cook | Change credentialing requirements for administrators of facilities for persons with head injuries |
| LB43 | Cook | Change provisions relating to a property tax exemption |
| LB44 | Ashford | Change penalty provisions with respect to Class IA felonies committed by persons under the age of eighteen |
| LB45 | Ashford | Change judge eligibility requirements for the Court of Appeals |
| LB46 | Ashford | Provide for consolidation and coordination of crime laboratories |
| LB47 | Ashford | Change provisions relating to career academies |
| LB48 | Ashford | Change provisions relating to housing agencies |
| LB49 | Ashford | Change provisions relating to housing agencies |
| LB50 | Ashford | Prohibit unreasonable placement of a firearm where a minor may unlawfully possess it |
| LB51 | Ashford | Change provisions relating to publication of court opinions |
| LB52 | Christensen | Change employment provisions for persons committed to the Department of Correctional Services |
| LB53 | Hadley | Change provisions relating to sales and use tax with respect to the sale of a business or stock of goods |
| LB54 | Wightman | Change display of credential and advertisement provisions under the Uniform Credentialing Act |
| LB55 | Wightman | Change provisions relating to reassumption of assessment function by counties |
| LB56 | Larson | Provide for automatic nomination of certain county officers |
| LB57 | Larson | Change provisions relating to grants from the Nebraska Environmental Trust Fund |
| LB58 | Larson | Adopt the Workplace Privacy Act |
| LB59 | Larson | Change a presumption relating to rebates to insurance agents |
| LB60 | Larson | Change the livestock brand inspection area boundaries |

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| LB61 | Murante | Change provisions relating to the Financial Data Protection and Consumer Notification of Data Security Breach Act of 2006 |
| LB62 | Schilz | Change levy provisions for rural and suburban fire protection districts |
| LB63 | Schilz | Change distribution of certain sales and use tax revenue |
| LB64 | Schilz | Change provisions relating to deductions of refunds from municipal sales tax receipts |
| LB65 | Schilz | Authorize counties to set sheriff's fees and commissions |
| LB66 | Schilz | Authorize cities of the first class to annex certain noncontiguous property |
| LB67 | Schilz | Change provisions of the Nebraska Milk Act |
| LB68 | Schilz | Change provisions of the Plant Protection and Plant Pest Act |
| LB69 | Schilz | Change provisions of the Pesticide Act |
| LB70 | Schilz | Change Nebraska Dairy Industry Development Board membership provisions |
| LB71 | Karpisek | Require insurance coverage for cochlear implants |
| LB72 | McCoy | Extend the authorization for interest-bearing trust accounts under the Nebraska Real Estate License Act |
| LB73 | McCoy | Change interstate simulcast facility license requirements |
| LB74 | Janssen | Exempt social security benefits from state income taxation |
| LB75 | Janssen | Exempt military retirement benefits from taxation as prescribed |
| LB76 | Nordquist | Adopt the Health Care Transparency Act |
| LB77 | Avery | Adopt the Nebraska Iran Divestment Act |
| LB78 | Avery | Eliminate a task force, an authority, a board, committees, a commission, and a council |
| LB79 | Avery | Change political accountability and disclosure provisions and repeal campaign finance laws |
| LB80 | Schumacher | Change motor vehicle liability insurance and financial responsibility requirements |
| LB81 | Schumacher | Provide an income tax deduction for corporate dividends |
| LB82 | Schumacher | Adopt the Taxpayer Investment Program |
| LB83 | Schumacher | Change requirements for use of turn signals |
| LB84 | Schumacher | Change provisions relating to the operation of utility-type vehicles |
| LB85 | Schumacher | Authorize vehicular traffic weighing less than one thousand pounds to proceed through a traffic light after stopping |
| LB86 | McGill | Authorize inspection and regulation of staff secure juvenile facilities |
| LB87 | McGill | Change procedures for filling certain airport authority board vacancies |
| LB88 | McGill | Change zoning provisions for cities of the primary class |
| LB89 | Haar | Provide immunity from liability for providing shelter during a weather event |
| LB90 | Haar | Change sales tax provisions on the furnishing of electricity service |
| LB91 | Haar | Change provisions regarding geologists |
| LB92 | Karpisek | Prohibit use of credit information for insurance and repeal a model act |
| LB93 | Dubas | Provide for notation of veteran status on drivers' licenses and state identification cards |
| LB94 | Dubas | Change hunting permit provisions |
| LB95 | Dubas | Adopt the Employee Credit Privacy Act |
| LB96 | Dubas | Exempt repair or replacement parts for agricultural machinery and equipment from sales and use tax |
| LB97 | Mello | Adopt the Nebraska Municipal Land Bank Act and authorize land banks to acquire tax-delinquent properties |
| LB98 | Mello | Change provisions relating to administrative rules |
| LB99 | Mello | Change provisions relating to racial profiling information reviews |
| LB100 | Watermeier | Eliminate a notice requirement with respect to automatic teller machines |
| LB101 | Watermeier | Change valuation of agricultural land and horticultural land |
| LB102 | Watermeier | Change requirements for certain water permit applications |
| LB103 | Lathrop | Change judges' general powers |
| LB104 | Lathrop | Provide tax incentives under the Nebraska Advantage Act for renewable energy projects |
| LB105 | Lathrop | Require child care licensees to obtain liability insurance |
| LB106 | Lathrop | Adopt the Uniform Unsworn Foreign Declarations Act and change provisions relating to perjury |
| LB107 | Lathrop | Change waiver of hearing provisions under the Parenting Act |
| LB108 | Karpisek | Prohibit counties, cities, and villages from imposing credentialing requirements |
| LB109 | McGill | Provide requirements for precious metals dealers |
| LB110 | McGill | Change the eligibility determination for homestead exemptions |
| LB111 | McGill | Authorize a city of the first or second class or village to adopt a biennial budget |
| LB112 | McGill | Change powers and duties of city and village clerks and treasurers as prescribed |
| LB113 | McGill | Provide for mayors of cities of the second class to vote in certain situations |
| LB114 | Harr | State intent relating to an appropriation to the University of Nebraska at Omaha |
| LR1CA | Larson | Constitutional amendment to change eligibility requirements for members of the Legislature |
| LR2CA | Pirsch | Constitutional amendment to require that any bill that imposes or increases a tax be approved by a majority of the members of the Legislature plus four |

BILLS INTRODUCED JAN. 11

| Bill | Introducer | One-line description |
|--------|-------------|---|
| LB115 | Lautenbaugh | Change provisions relating to homicide |
| LB116 | Harms | Provide requirements for dual-enrollment courses |
| LB117 | Harms | Change provisions relating to permits for overweight vehicles |
| LB118 | Harms | Change texting enforcement provisions |
| LB119 | Cook | State intent relating to appropriations for Public Health Aid |
| LB120 | Lautenbaugh | Change provisions of the Uniform Residential Landlord and Tenant Act |
| LB121 | Lautenbaugh | Provide for waiver of a Nebraska certificate to administer |
| LB122 | Lautenbaugh | Appropriate funds to the Department of Economic Development |
| LB123 | Lautenbaugh | Change distribution of indigent defense fees |
| LB124 | Lautenbaugh | Change provisions relating to grandparent visitation |
| LB125 | Lautenbaugh | Change provisions relating to boards of education of Class V school districts |
| LB126 | McGill | Provide for grants from the Court Appointed Special Advocate Fund |
| LB127 | McGill | Provide for preregistration to vote for 16 and 17 year olds |
| LB128 | Coash | Create the offense of disarming a peace officer |
| LB129 | Haar | Change the compensation for members of the Board of Educational Lands and Funds |
| LB130 | Mello | Eliminate Cash Reserve Fund transfers |
| LB131 | Nordquist | Adopt the Tobacco-Free Schools Act |
| LB132 | Nordquist | Adopt the Skin Cancer Prevention Act |
| LB133 | Hadley | Provide priority of insurance coverage relating to motor vehicle dealer loaner vehicles |
| LB134 | Avery | Provide for inheritance by issue conceived after death |
| LB135 | Avery | Change membership provisions relating to Community College Boards of Governors |
| LB136 | Avery | Use of administrative fines and costs and forfeited property |
| LB137 | Avery | Establish state fleet card programs |
| LB138 | Krist | Create the Group Health Trust Fund and provide for investment and provide duties for the State Treasurer |
| LB139 | Krist | Change vital statistics information relating to annulment and dissolution of marriage |
| LB140 | Krist | Change provisions of the Airport Zoning Act |
| LB141 | Lathrop | Change court procedures for the Nebraska Workers' Compensation Court |
| LB142 | Lathrop | Provide that probation records are not subject to disclosure as prescribed |
| LB143 | Bloomfield | Authorize schools to adopt a child sexual abuse policy as prescribed |
| LB144 | Brasch | Provide for write-in candidacy by defeated candidate |
| LB145 | Brasch | Change valuation of agricultural land and horticultural land |
| LB146 | Gloor | Change provisions relating to funds transfers under the Uniform Commercial Code |
| LB147 | Gloor | Adopt the Health Carrier External Review Act |
| LB148 | Ashford | Include ammunition in certain offenses involving firearms |
| LB149 | Pirsch | Provide for biennial reviews of state agency programs and services |
| LB150 | Nordquist | Change provisions relating to the sale of natural gas by metropolitan utilities districts and exempt certain purchases of energy and fuel from sales tax |
| LB151 | Seiler | Provide a hearsay exception for certain documents and data kept in the regular course of business |
| LB152 | Dubas | Change eminent domain negotiations |
| LB153 | Dubas | Change the Civic and Community Center Financing Act |
| LB154 | Dubas | Redefine road assistance vehicle relating to drivers' duties to move over |
| LB155 | Gloor | Change provisions relating to deposits of public funds in excess of insured or guaranteed amounts |
| LR3 | Larson | Congratulate the Wausa Public School one-act team for winning the 2012 Class D-1 state play production championship |
| LR4 | Larson | Congratulate the Hartington Public School one-act team for winning the 2012 Class C-2 state play production championship |
| LR5 | Larson | Congratulate Eleanor Wrede Nielsen on her 110th birthday |
| LR6 | Larson | Congratulate the Mean Green girls' softball team of O'Neill for winning the 2012 Nebraska Amateur Softball Association Fast Pitch 14-Under Class C state championship |
| LR7 | Larson | Congratulate the Shamrocks girls' softball team of O'Neill for winning the 2012 Nebraska Amateur Softball Association Fast Pitch 18-Under Class C state championship |
| LR8 | Larson | Congratulate Brady and Riley Wakefield for taking second place in the team roping competition at the 2012 National High School Finals Rodeo |
| LR9 | Janssen | Express thanks to Roy Lemons for his service to his community, his state, and his country |
| LR10 | Janssen | Express sympathy to the family of Richard "Dick" Wikert |
| LR11 | Janssen | Congratulate the Fremont High School boys' cross country team for winning the 2012 Class A state championship |
| LR12CA | Harms | Constitutional amendment to authorize a county manager form of county government |
| LR13 | Brasch | Congratulate Dick Lindberg on being inducted into the Nebraska Journalism Hall of Fame |
| LR14 | Brasch | Congratulate Daniel Barber for earning the rank of Eagle Scout |
| LR15 | Brasch | Congratulate Jacob Jones for achieving the rank of Eagle Scout |
| LR16 | Brasch | Congratulate Colton Stoner for achieving the rank of Eagle Scout |
| LR17 | Brasch | Congratulate the Arlington High School softball team for winning the 2012 Class C state championship |
| LR18 | Brasch | Congratulate Luke Ashton for achieving the rank of Eagle Scout |
| LR19 | Brasch | Congratulate Dalton Van Stratten for achieving the rank of Eagle Scout |
| LR20 | Lathrop | Provide for continuation of the Developmental Disabilities Special Investigative Committee |

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Federal & State Holidays

January 21 – Martin Luther King Jr. Day April 26 – Arbor Day
 February 18 – Presidents' Day May 27 – Memorial Day

Legislative Recess Days

February 15 April 1, 12, 15
 March 8, 11, 22, 29 May 3, 6, 17, 14

*The Speaker reserves the right to revise the session calendar

LEGISLATIVE GLOSSARY

“A” Bill - see Appropriation Bill.

Amendment On File - an amendment of 10 or more pages, not printed separately or in the Journal, that is available in the Clerk’s Office (Room 2018).

Amendment Printed Separate - an amendment of 10 or more pages, printed separately from the Journal, that is available in the Bill Room (Room 1102).

Appropriation Bill (“A” Bill) - a bill to appropriate funds to finance another bill bearing the same number.

Attorney General’s Opinion - a written analysis of a question of law prepared by the attorney general for the governor, the head of an executive department or any state senator.

Bill - see Legislative Bill.

Bracket - to delay consideration of a bill.

Call of the House - a procedure used to compel attendance of unexcused senators in the chamber.

Carry-over Legislation - bills and resolutions introduced during the regular session in an odd-numbered year and held over for consideration during the regular session in an even-numbered year.

Chair - the presiding officer.

Cloture - a parliamentary action to cease debate on a bill and vote immediately on its advancement. A motion for cloture may be made after eight hours of debate on most bills and after 12 hours on appropriation bills introduced by the Appropriations Committee.

Constitutional Amendment Resolution - a proposal to amend the state constitution, ratify or reject an amendment to the U.S. Constitution, or petition Congress about amending the U.S. Constitution. State CA resolutions have the suffix “CA” by the resolution number, and they must be approved by the voters as well as the Legislature.

Consent Calendar - a portion of the agenda in which relatively noncontroversial bills are considered and quickly advanced to the next legislative stage. Usually, a bill on consent calendar can be debated for no more than 15 minutes.

“E” Clause - see Emergency Clause.

E&R - see Enrollment and Review.

Emergency Clause (“E” Clause) - a provision that allows a bill or a portion of a bill to take effect immediately after the governor signs it or after the Legislature overrides the governor’s veto.

Engrossment - the process of preparing a bill for Final Reading by incorporating all adopted amendments.

Enrollment and Review (E&R) - the process of incorporating adopted amendments into a bill and reviewing the bill for technical and grammatical accuracy.

Executive Session - a closed meeting of a committee to discuss and act on bills and resolutions. An executive session is open only to committee members, committee staff and the media.

Final Reading - the third and last stage at which a bill is considered by the entire Legislature. The clerk reads the entire bill aloud, unless final reading is waived, and senators vote without debate on whether to submit the bill to the governor.

Fiscal Note - a statement prepared by the Legislative Fiscal Office estimating the effect a bill would have on state and/or local expenditures and revenue.

Floor - the area of the legislative chamber where the senators sit. When a committee advances a bill “to the floor,” that means the bill is being sent to the full Legislature for consideration.

General File - the first stage at which a bill is considered by the full Legislature. Bills on General File may be amended, returned to committee, indefinitely postponed or advanced to Select File.

Hearing - a regularly scheduled committee meeting to receive public comment on proposed bills and resolutions.

House Under Call - the term used when all unexcused senators are required to be in their seats in the chamber and unauthorized personnel must leave the floor.

Indefinitely Postpone (IPP) - to kill a bill.

Interim - the period between regular legislative sessions.

Interim Study Resolution - a resolution authorizing a committee to study an issue following adjournment of a legislative session.

IPP - see Indefinitely Postpone.

Journal - see Legislative Journal.

Laws of Nebraska (Session Laws) - bound compilation of all laws and constitutional amendment resolutions passed in a legislative session, the state Constitution, and subject and section indexes.

Legislative Bill (LB) - a proposal to create, change or delete one or more laws.



Legislative History - the committee and floor debate records for any bill. A history includes transcripts of the bill's hearing and all floor debate.

Legislative Journal - official record of legislative floor action, including all motions, the number of yeas and nays on each vote, etc.

Legislative Resolution (LR) - a proposal to make a formal expression of opinion, intent or recognition; amend the state or federal constitution; or authorize a study of an issue during the interim. See also Constitutional Amendment Resolution, Interim Study Resolution.

Line-Item Veto - the power of the governor to make specific reductions in any part of a budget bill passed by the Legislature.

Machine Vote - a vote taken by electronic voting system. The voting board shows how each senator voted, but only vote totals are entered in the Legislative Journal.

Major Proposal - a bill or constitutional amendment resolution that the speaker designates as important enough for scheduling priority. Each session, up to five bills may be chosen as major proposals, all of which must be senator priority bills and must get the approval of two-thirds of the Executive Board.

One-liner - a one-line description of a bill or resolution.

Override a Veto - see Veto Override.

President of the Legislature - the lieutenant governor. While senators address whomever is in the chair as Mr. or Madame President, the lieutenant governor alone holds that official title.

Presiding Officer - the senator currently presiding over legislative proceedings.

Priority Bill - a bill that has priority status and generally is considered ahead of other bills in debate. Each senator may select one priority bill, each committee may select two priority bills, and the speaker may select up to 25 priority bills.

Record Vote - a vote on which a record is kept of how each senator voted. The vote is taken by electronic voting system, and the senators' names and corresponding votes are then printed in the Legislative Journal.

Regular Session - the annual session that begins the first Wednesday after the first Monday in January.

Resolution - see Legislative Resolution.

Revisor Bill - a bill, prepared by the Office of the Revisor of Statutes, proposing a technical correction or the repeal of an obsolete statute.

Roll Call Vote - a vote during which the senators vote one at a time as the clerk reads their names. Senators cast their votes verbally, and their names and corresponding votes

may be printed in the Legislative Journal.

Select Committee - a permanent committee with a subject-matter jurisdiction related to the administration of the Legislature.

Select File - the second stage at which a bill is considered by the entire Legislature. Bills on Select File may be amended, returned to committee, indefinitely postponed or advanced to Final Reading.

Session - a period of time, usually a number of days, during which the Legislature meets and transacts business.

Session Laws - compilation of all laws and constitutional amendment resolutions passed in a session.

Sine Die - without setting a future date for reconvening. When the Legislature adjourns sine die, the legislative session is finished for the year.

Slip Law - a bill or constitutional amendment resolution printed individually in its approved form after being enacted into law or submitted to voters.

Speaker of the Legislature - the officer of the Legislature, elected from among the senators, who prepares the daily agenda and the session calendar and who presides in the absence of the lieutenant governor.

Special Committee - a committee created by law for a specific reason. Except for the Executive Board, special committees have no jurisdiction over bills or resolutions.

Special Session - a limited legislative session called for a specific purpose by the governor or two-thirds (33 members) of the Legislature.

Standing Committee - a permanent committee with a subject-matter jurisdiction related to an area of public policy. Almost all bills and resolutions are referred to one of the 14 standing committees.

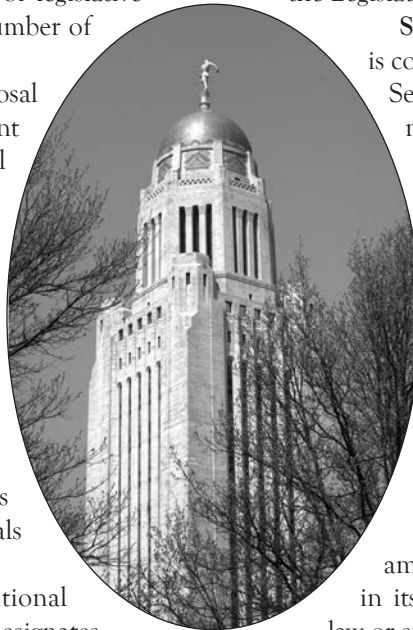
Summary Sheet - a daily list of all legislative activity that has taken place in one legislative day, including action taken on bills and resolutions.

Veto - the power of the governor to reject bills passed by the Legislature. The governor has five days, excluding Sundays, to either sign or veto a bill. The Legislature then has an opportunity to override the veto.

Veto Override - the power of the Legislature to pass a bill over the governor's veto. A veto override requires the approval of three-fifths (30 members) of the Legislature.

Voice Vote - a vote in which senators cast their votes orally and no totals are recorded.

Worksheet - a list, prepared daily, that indicates the status of all bills and resolutions at the end of that legislative day.



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