

Senators convene, welcome new member

The 105th Nebraska Legislature convened Jan. 3 for its 60-day second session. Lawmakers welcomed Omaha Sen. Theresa Thibodeau, who was appointed to replace former Sen. Joni Craighead.

Senators voted 25-24 to elect Omaha Sen. Robert Hilkemann over Hastings Sen. Steve Halloran to lead the Committee on Committees, a post left open by Craighead's resignation in September. The committee appoints senators to the Legislature's standing and select committees.



Sen. Robert Hilkemann

In his speech announcing his nomination, Hilkemann said he has been a leader in his profession, community and church. He also has served as vice chairperson of the Appropriations Committee and was selected for a national leadership program for state government officials last year. As a current member of the Committee on Committees, Hilkemann said, he understands how the Legislature's work depends on assembling good committees.

"I have seen how important our work is and how the values of integrity, honesty, transparency and fairness are imperative," he said.

Lawmakers also elected Jim Doggett to serve as the Legislature's chief sergeant-at-arms. The sergeants-at-arms maintain order in the legislative chamber, lobby and committee hearing rooms. He replaces Ron Witkowski, who retired last year after 21 years with the Legislature.

Nebraska Supreme Court Chief Justice Mike Heavican swore in Doggett, who served as the Legislature's assistant



Members of the Nebraska State Patrol assist in the presentation of colors during the opening ceremonies of the 2018 session.

sergeant-at-arms from 2013 to 2017. Previously, Doggett was a member of the Nebraska State Patrol from 1988 to 2007, when he retired from the position of Captain of Carrier Enforcement.

Senators may introduce bills for the first 10 legislative days, or through Jan. 18.

Gov. Pete Ricketts will give his State

of the State address Jan. 10 in the legislative chamber. Heavican will give his State of the Judiciary address Jan. 18.

Committee hearings begin Jan. 16 and full-day floor debate starts Feb. 28. The session will last 60 legislative days and tentatively is scheduled to end April 18. ■



Sen. Theresa Thibodeau (center) gets acquainted with her new colleagues Sens. Carol Blood and John Lowe.

NEW BILLS

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Bill	Introducer	One-line description
LB668	Exec Board	Revisor bill to eliminate inconsistent language related to the enrollment option program
LB669	Exec Board	Revisor bill to repeal obsolete provisions related to educational bridge programs
LB670	Krist	Change membership, powers, and duties of the Nebraska Coalition for Juvenile Justice
LB671	Krist	Change requirements for certain driving permits and use of occupant protection systems, change certain violations from secondary to primary enforcement, and prohibit use of interactive wireless communication devices by school bus operators
LB672	Krist	Provide for medical release for committed offenders
LB673	Krist	Change procedures for certain hearings for juveniles
LB674	Krist	State intent to appropriate funds to the Division of Aeronautics for the Civil Air Patrol
LB675	Krist	Change provisions relating to correctional overcrowding emergencies
LB676	Krist	Allow certain committed persons to participate in substance abuse or rehabilitative treatment, seek residency or employment, and participate in structured programming
LB677	Krist	Change appropriations for certain health and human services programs
LB678	Krist	Change provisions relating to criminal justice
LB679	Krist	Change the distribution of taxes remitted to the Charitable Gaming Operations Fund
LB680	Krist	Adopt the Interstate Placement for Involuntarily Admitted Patients Agreement Act
LB681	Blood	Adopt the Physical Therapy Licensure Compact
LB682	Blood	Provide consumer protection and civil relief for servicemembers and provide a duty for the National Guard
LB683	Blood	Provide a license fee exemption for servicemembers and their spouses under the Nebraska Real Estate License Act
LB684	Blood	Change the Beginning Farmer Tax Credit Act
LB685	Blood	Provide a funding priority for special-needs military dependents under the Developmental Disabilities Services Act
LB686	Blood	Adopt the Psychology Interjurisdictional Compact
LB687	Blood	Adopt the Advanced Practice Registered Nurse Compact
LB688	Blood	Provide for the possession, use, and application of sunscreen for children and students and provide immunity
LB689	Blood	Exclude juveniles from the Sex Offender Registration Act
LB690	Blood	Adopt the Counterfeit Airbag Prevention Act
LB691	Blood	Adopt the Nebraska Virtual Currency Money Laundering Act and define and redefine terms under the Nebraska Money Transmitters Act
LB692	Blood	Provide for a staffing analysis of the Department of Correctional Services
LB693	Blood	Regulate and create criminal offenses regarding the use of unmanned aircraft systems
LB694	Blood	Prohibit cities and villages and counties from taxing or regulating distributed ledger technology

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LB695	Blood	Authorize and define smart contracts and authorize use of distributed ledger technology as prescribed
LB696	Ebke	Increase the number of district court judges in Douglas County
LB697	Ebke	Change certain district court judicial district boundaries
LB698	Kolterman	Change powers and duties of the Public Employees Retirement Board
LB699	Kolterman	Redefine actuarial equivalent in certain retirement acts as prescribed
LB700	Kolterman	Change provisions relating to the state investment officer and investment and management of the University Trust Fund
LB701	Kolterman	Provide for telehealth practice by physicians and physician assistants
LB702	Kolterman	Change provisions relating to children's health care coverage and Nebraska IV-D child support program modification procedures
LB703	Kolterman	Provide a licensure exemption for visiting athletic team physicians as prescribed
LB704	Kolterman	Change provisions relating to foreign medical graduates
LB705	Kolterman	Change licensure requirements for estheticians and esthetician instructors
LB706	Kolterman	Eliminate certain requirements for electrology licensure
LB707	Kolterman	Change provisions of the Uniform Standard Code for Manufactured Homes and Recreational Vehicles by eliminating applicability and references to manufactured homes and renaming the code
LB708	Bolz	Change provisions relating to juvenile court bridge orders
LB709	Baker	Change provisions relating to city and village plumbing boards and change a penalty
LB710	Baker	Change provisions relating to civil claims of four thousand dollars or less
LB711	Baker	Change requirements for use of occupant protection systems
LB712	Albrecht	Require drug testing for certain applicants and recipients of unemployment benefits
LB713	Erdman	Change compensation of members of the Nebraska Oil and Gas Conservation Commission
LB714	Howard	Provide a procedure for judicial emancipation of a minor
LB715	Howard	State intent relating to appropriations to local public health departments
LB716	Howard	Appropriate funds to the Department of Correctional Services
LB717	Howard	Change training requirements under the Quality Child Care Act
LB718	Halloran	Adopt the Higher Education Free Speech Accountability Act
LB719	Wayne	Eliminate the authority of cities of the second class and villages to make loans to students
LB720	Wayne	Change applicability provisions for building codes
LB721	Wayne	Remove a prohibition to regulate wireless telecommunications service by the Public Service Commission
LB722	Wayne	Provide a renewable energy electric power generation requirement for certain public power and irrigation districts
LB723	Wayne	Change net metering provisions by redefining qualified facility and increasing the rated capacity limit as prescribed
LB724	Wayne	Provide for segregation of keno funds, electronic fund transfers, and deposit of gross proceeds by a sales outlet location as prescribed
LB725	Wayne	Change requirements of the Prompt Payment Act
LB726	Wayne	Require insurance coverage for in vitro fertilization procedures
LB727	Wayne	Provide for appropriations to the Nebraska State Historical Society
LB728	Wayne	Change individual income tax brackets and rates
LB729	Wayne	Allow claims arising out of misrepresentation or deceit under the Political Subdivisions Tort Claims Act and State Tort Claims Act
LB730	Wayne	Adopt the Ammunition Excise Tax Act
LB731	Williams	Provide for licensure of remote dispensing pharmacies
LB732	Riepe	Change a reporting date relating to the Nebraska Children's Commission
LB733	Thibodeau	Change provisions relating to licenses of county highway and city street superintendents
LB734	Scheer	Change provisions relating to special designated licenses under the Nebraska Liquor Control Act
LB735	Blood	Provide for interlocal agreements regarding nuisances
LB736	Lindstrom	Change real estate agent duties with respect to certain written disclosures
LB737	Lindstrom	Adopt the First Responder Education Act
LB738	Lindstrom	Change revenue and taxation provisions relating to an adjustment to income for social security benefits
LB739	Lindstrom	Change the Sports Arena Facility Financing Assistance Act
LB740	Lindstrom	Provide for registration and licensing of metropolitan utilities district motor vehicles and trailers as prescribed
LB741	Lindstrom	Change provisions relating to real property appraisers
LB742	Lindstrom	Change provisions relating to noncompete agreements under the Franchise Practices Act
LB743	Lindstrom	Adopt the Public Adjusters Licensing Act and change continuing education and prelicensing education provisions
LB744	Exec Board	Adopt the Legislative Qualifications and Election Contests Act
LB745	Watermeier	Require notice relating to certain refunds of local sales and use taxes

NEW BILLS

Bill	Introducer	One-line description
LB746	Watermeier	Change provisions regulating the use of the State Capitol and capitol grounds
LB747	Thibodeau	Provide for bottle clubs under the Nebraska Liquor Control Act
LB748	Hansen	Change provisions relating to determination of municipality population thresholds and references to cities, villages, and governing bodies
LB749	Williams	Change provisions relating to recording and filing fees
LB750	Williams	Change provisions relating to recording of real property instruments and rights and duties of secured creditors
LB751	Performance Audit	Change agency duties with respect to adoption of rules and regulations
LB752	Brewer	Limit the authority of certain political subdivisions to acquire rights-of-way
LB753	Brewer	Provide for tuition waivers for National Guard members
LB754	Brewer	Authorize purchase of state park permits while registering a motor vehicle online
LB755	Brewer	Change rules for operation of all-terrain vehicles and utility-type vehicles
LB756	Morfeld	Prohibit ordinances prohibiting certain short-term rentals of residential property
LB757	Morfeld	Change provisions of the Credit Report Protection Act and the Financial Data Protection and Consumer Notification of Data Security Breach Act of 2006
LB758	Hughes	Require collaboration between natural resources districts and counties under the Nebraska Ground Water Management and Protection Act
LB759	Hughes	Eliminate a sales and use tax exemption relating to zoos and aquariums
LB760	Hughes	Change the Volunteer Emergency Responders Incentive Act
LB761	Hughes	Change compensation provisions relating to the Nebraska Oil and Gas Conservation Commission
LB762	Hughes	Change a date for certain scrap tire recycling grants
LB763	Harr	Prohibit obstruction of a public power district employee
LB764	Crawford	Exempt certain operations from the definition of a food establishment under the Nebraska Pure Food Act
LB765	Urban Affairs	Change provisions relating to cities of the first class as prescribed
LB766	Brasch	Change provisions relating to division fences
LB767	Quick	Adopt changes to the state building code
LB768	Quick	Redefine economic development program to include early childhood infrastructure development for cities of the first and second class and villages
LB769	Quick	Adopt the Midwest Interstate Passenger Rail Compact
LB770	McCollister	Change provisions relating to the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program
LB771	Walz	Adopt the Child Hunger and Workforce Readiness Act
LB772	Walz	Change provisions relating to agricultural land that receives special valuation
LB773	Clements	Change intimidation by telephone call provisions and prohibit intimidation by electronic message
LB774	Pansing Brooks	Change peace officers' duties regarding encounters with certain juveniles
LB775	Stinner	Adopt the State Park System Construction Alternatives Act
LB776	McCollister	Provide requirements for inmate access to telephone or videoconferencing systems in county and city jails
LB777	Howard	Provide requirements for filling legislative vacancies
LB778	Groene	Require voter approval for school district building fund levies
LB779	Groene	Change provisions relating to learning communities
LB780	Pansing Brooks	Prohibit manufacture, import, transfer, and possession of multiburst trigger activators and firearm silencers
LB781	Pansing Brooks	Change penalties for certain felonies committed by persons under nineteen years of age
LB782	Pansing Brooks	Change intimidation by telephone call provisions and provide for intimidation by electronic communication
LB783	Vargas	Define "educational interpreter" for purposes of students eligible for special education as prescribed
LB784	Vargas	Change the Employee Classification Act to prohibit contractors with unpaid fines from contracting with the state or political subdivisions
LB785	Vargas	Change terminology related to marriage
LB786	Vargas	Change terminology related to county government
LR266	Hughes	Urge the U.S. Dept. of the Interior, Bureau of Reclamation, the Nebr. congressional delegation, and the Game and Parks Commission to find a solution regarding policy changes that affect Hugh Butler Lake, Harry Strunk Lake, and Swanson Reservoir

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LB787	Krist	Change income determination provisions relating to the Medical Assistance Act
LB788	Riepe	Require continuing education for health care professionals regarding opiate prescriptions
LB789	Ebke	Eliminate the marijuana and controlled substances tax
LB790	Ebke	Provide for licensure of mobile cosmetology and nail technology salons

LB791	Ebke	Change Nebraska State Patrol employees' bargaining rights
LB792	Ebke	Change powers and duties of the Nebraska State Patrol, law enforcement agencies, the executive director of the Nebraska Commission on Law Enforcement and Criminal Justice, and the Attorney General
LB793	Riepe	Eliminate provisions relating to specialized services under the Developmental Disabilities Services Act
LB794	Riepe	Change operating requirements regarding intoxicating beverages in cosmetology, esthetics, and nail technology salons
LB795	McDonnell	Provide for an acknowledgment of maternity
LB796	McDonnell	Change allocation of the fee for an ignition interlock permit as prescribed
LB797	McDonnell	Change penalties for second and third degree arson
LB798	McDonnell	Provide a sales and use tax exemption for feminine hygiene products
LB799	Kolterman	Modify deadlines and sanctions in the Surplus Lines Insurance Act
LB800	Walz	Provide and change strategic plan requirements for services for qualified persons with disabilities
LB801	Stinner	Adopt the Panhandle Beginnings Act to provide certain services to school-age children
LB802	Stinner	Create the Nebraska Tourism Commission Promotional Cash Fund and provide for its use
LB803	Stinner	Change provisions related to kindergarten, early childhood education, and the Step Up to Quality Childcare Act
LB804	Brasch	Include elementary and secondary schools in the Nebraska educational savings plan trust and change tax benefits
LB805	Brasch	Provide an annual reporting requirement under the Nebraska Potato Development Act and eliminate obsolete provisions
LB806	Kuehn	Change the Conveyance Safety Act
LB807	Harr	Provide for replacement of a statue in the United States Capitol
LB808	Harr	Change provisions relating to community gardens and seed libraries
LB809	Harr	Prohibit charging members of the Legislature fees for public record requests
LB810	Harr	Change provisions of State Tort Claims Act relating to certain claims arising out of misrepresentation or deceit by the Department of Health and Human Services
LB811	Lindstrom	Change prohibited uses of scanning devices and encoding machines
LB812	Lindstrom	Adopt federal banking provisions, revise powers of certain state-chartered financial institutions, and eliminate obsolete provisions
LB813	Lindstrom	Redefine terms and adopt certain federal provisions relating to the Securities Act of Nebraska
LB814	Schumacher	Provide a procedure to resolve protests of government service contract procurement decisions
LB815	Schumacher	Provide regulatory authority regarding reinsurance
LB816	Chambers	Designate Nebraska State Patrol as agency to investigate criminal activity within Department of Correctional Services correctional facilities
LB817	Chambers	Change provisions regarding funds of candidate committees
LB818	Chambers	Change powers and duties relating to the Jail Standards Board
LB819	Hughes	Provide additional uses for the Inmate Welfare and Club Accounts Fund
LB820	Hughes	Change provisions relating to privately developed renewable energy generation facilities
LB821	Hughes	Change provisions relating to assessments by the Nebraska Power Review Board
LB822	Hughes	Change provisions relating to the Department of Natural Resources
LB823	Hughes	Change definition of employment under Employment Security Law
LB824	Morfeld	Change provisions relating to the taxation of benefits received under the federal Social Security Act
LB825	Brewer	Change provisions relating to budgets and public hearing notice for certain governmental entities
LB826	Vargas	Provide for jurisdiction to make factual findings under the Uniform Child Custody Jurisdiction and Enforcement Act
LB827	Lowe	Provide for disposition of property of members of veterans' homes and change state personnel system exemptions for the Department of Veterans' Affairs
LB828	Lowe	Adopt the Empowerment Savings Account Act
LB829	Erdman	Adopt the Property Tax Relief Act
LB830	Vargas	Change license application, prohibited acts, and franchise restriction provisions under the Motor Vehicle Industry Regulation Act
LB831	Wayne	Provide annual salary limitations for elected officials of political subdivisions
LB832	Wayne	Change definition of marijuana under the Uniform Controlled Substances Act
LB833	McCollister	Change provisions relating to petroleum products liens
LB834	Howard	Provide for waiver of certain occupational and licensing fees as prescribed
LB835	Howard	Provide for independent audits and reviews under the Nebraska Behavioral Health Services Act
LB836	Howard	Provide for minors' consent to certain mental health services as prescribed
LB837	Howard	Require applications for medicaid waivers be submitted to the Health and Human Services Committee of the Legislature

NEW BILLS

Bill	Introducer	One-line description
LB838	Wishart	Change provisions relating to the Indoor Tanning Facility Act
LB839	Crawford	Require reporting regarding electioneering communication under the Nebraska Political Accountability and Disclosure Act
LB840	Riepe	Change reporting requirements for the Foster Care Review Office
LB841	Pansing Brooks	Provide duties relating to correctional overcrowding emergencies
LB842	Pansing Brooks	Change provisions relating to certain minimum sentences
LB843	Pansing Brooks	Provide protections for employees' wage disclosures
LB844	Crawford	Adopt the Healthy and Safe Families and Workplaces Act
LR268	Krist	Resolution to Congress for convention of the states to propose an amendment to the U.S. Constitution
LR269CA	Schumacher	Constitutional amendment to authorize the Legislature to delegate complete or partial sovereignty to one area of the state

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LB845	Briese	Provide for supportive services relating to child custody
LB846	Briese	Change provisions relating to findings and the enforceability of certain agreements under the Community Development Law
LB847	Ebke	Change provisions relating to waiver of certain testamentary rights of surviving spouses
LB848	Ebke	Correct a provision relating to possession of a deadly weapon by a prohibited person
LB849	Ebke	Provide procedure for return of handguns temporarily taken into possession by law enforcement under Concealed Handgun Permit Act
LB850	Linehan	Require disclosure of the anticipated cost to a political subdivision to pay off its bonds
LB851	Linehan	Limit superintendent and educational service unit administrator compensation
LB852	Bolz	Provide for medical release of and additional rehabilitative options for committed offenders and allow the use of certain funds for peer and family support programs
LB853	Bolz	To authorize certain Department of Correctional Services contracts
LB854	Quick	Expand the number of municipalities which may create a land bank and change land bank powers and board requirements
LB855	Lindstrom	Change Security, Privacy, and Dissemination of Criminal History Information Act provisions to provide for charges or offenses that have been pardoned
LB856	Morfeld	Adopt the Internet Neutrality Act, change communications provider requirements under the Nebraska Telecommunications Regulation Act, and change financial assistance provisions relating to the Nebraska Internet Enhancement Fund
LB857	Morfeld	Adopt the Campus Confidentiality Act
LB858	Hansen	Provide annual adjustments for total disability income benefits under the Nebraska Workers' Compensation Act
LB859	Hansen	Change records which may be withheld from the public
LB860	Friesen	Provide for compensation for motor vehicle dealers affected by recalls and step-sale orders
LB861	Watermeier	Require that certain prosecution costs be paid by the state
LB862	Howard	Adopt the Prescription Drug Cost Transparency Act
LB863	Howard	Add grounds for termination of parental rights
LB864	Walz	To designate funds appropriated to the Department of Health and Human Services for state aid
LB865	Crawford	Change provisions relating to passage of ordinances by cities and villages
LB866	Crawford	Change provisions relating to rules, regulations, and waivers under the Medical Assistance Act
LB867	Crawford	Provide requirements for reports regarding and contracts for managed care for certain medicaid recipients
LB868	Pansing Brooks	Change parole provisions relating to deferment and structured programming
LB869	Pansing Brooks	Change provisions relating to sealing of juvenile records
LB870	Pansing Brooks	Provide for room confinement for juveniles as prescribed
LB871	Wishart	Appropriate funds to the Department of Correctional Services
LB872	Harr	Change provisions relating to appeals by prosecutors
LB873	Urban Affairs	Change provisions relating to cities of particular classes and villages, correct and include references as prescribed, and eliminate obsolete provisions and repeal definitions
LB874	Urban Affairs	Change the Community Development Law
LB875	Bolz	Change sentencing provisions for crimes committed by persons under the age of eighteen

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Federal & State Holidays

January 15 – Martin Luther King Jr. Day
 February 19 – Presidents' Day

Legislative Recess Days

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Top left: Jim Doggett is congratulated by senators after being sworn in as the Legislature's chief sergeant-at-arms. *Lower left:* The George W. Norris Legislative Chamber. *Right:* A member of the Nebraska State Patrol assists in the presentation of colors.