

## Lawmakers convene, elect leaders

Senators gathered at the State Capitol Jan. 6 to open the first session of the 107th Nebraska Legislature.

Twenty-five senators were sworn in. Nine are newly elected members, including three who served previously in the Legislature but left office due to term limits.

Lawmakers also elected a new speaker and chairpersons of the Legislature's 14 standing committees.

Senators elected Lincoln Sen. Mike Hilgers to serve a two-year term as speaker of the Legislature. Among other duties, the speaker prepares the Legislature's daily agenda and serves as its presiding officer in the absence of the Lieutenant Governor.

Hilgers said he would work to strengthen the Unicameral's process and culture to ensure that it can meet current challenges while also working toward a better future for all Nebraskans.

"You have my commitment to do everything I can to make this place run right," he said. "And maybe if it runs right, it will unleash the creative energies and talents of every one of you, who speak for thousands of others in your communities."

Fremont Sen. Lynne Walz unseated incumbent Sen. Mike Groene of North Platte to serve



Sens. Terrell McKinney (left) and Eliot Bostar took the oath of office on opening day. New and returning senators were sworn in at their desks this year as a public health precaution.

as Education Committee chairperson.

As a former teacher, school board member and parent of children who attended Nebraska schools, Walz said, she would bring a valuable perspective to the role. She said senators could expect her to listen to their views and include all voices in education policy

discussions.

"Education touches on each and every aspect of our lives," Walz said. "It is the key to strengthening our economy and providing opportunities for people who make Nebraska their home."

Blair Sen. Ben Hansen defeated incumbent Sen. Matt Hansen of Lincoln to serve as chairperson of the Business and Labor Committee.

As chairperson, Hansen said, he would work to find a proper balance between free market principles and government regulation. He said his experience in business and in local government have given him firsthand knowledge of how the Legislature's actions affect businesses and municipalities.

Lawmakers chose Sen. Dan Hughes of Venango as chairperson of the Legislature's Executive Board, which oversees legislative services and



Sen. Mike Hilgers was elected speaker of the Legislature in an uncontested race.

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employees.

Hughes, who was uncontested, said his six years on the board have shown him how important it is in helping the Legislature function.

“This is the highest profile institution of state government there is,” he said, “and it’s extremely important that we do our job professionally—in a timely fashion—so that we maintain that trust with the citizens of the state of Nebraska.”

Omaha Sen. Tony Vargas was re-elected as the Executive Board’s vice chairperson, fending off a challenge from Sen. Julie Slama of Peru.

Sen. Bruce Bostelman of Brainard defeated Creighton Sen. Tim Gragert in a contest to replace Hughes as chairperson of the Natural Resources Committee.

Bostelman said he would be a fair and effective leader whose four years of experience as vice chairperson would ensure that the committee gives full consideration to each bill it hears. He said he is an outdoor enthusiast who appreciates the state’s waterways, landscapes and wildlife.

“We must preserve these resources while providing opportunities in their enjoyment and utilization,” Bostelman said.

In an uncontested race, lawmakers chose La Vista Sen. John Arch as chairperson of the Health and Human Services Committee.

Ten incumbent chairpersons were re-elected in uncontested races: Hastings Sen. Steve Halloran to the Agriculture Committee; Gering Sen. John Stinner to the Appropriations Committee; Gothenburg Sen. Matt Williams to the Banking, Commerce and Insurance Committee; Albion Sen. Tom Briese to the General Affairs Committee; Gordon Sen. Tom Brewer to the Government, Military and Veterans Affairs Committee; Omaha Sen. Steve Lathrop to the Judiciary Committee; Seward Sen. Mark Kolterman to the Nebraska Retirement Systems Committee; Elkhorn Sen. Lou Ann Linehan to the Revenue Committee; Henderson Sen. Curt Friesen to the Transportation and Telecommunications Committee; and Omaha Sen. Justin Wayne to the Urban Affairs

Committee.

Lawmakers will spend the 90-day session creating a two-year state budget and redrawing legislative and other district boundaries based on population changes reflected in the 2020 U.S. Census. They also are expected to consider legislation related to pandemic recovery, the construction of a new state prison, police oversight and public school funding.

Senators may introduce new bills for the first 10 legislative days, or until Jan. 20. Public hearings are scheduled to begin Jan. 25.

Gov. Pete Ricketts is scheduled to give his State of the State address Jan. 14, followed Jan. 21 by Nebraska Supreme Court Chief Justice Michael Heavican’s State of the Judiciary address.

Live coverage of the legislative session is provided at [www.NebraskaLegislature.gov](http://www.NebraskaLegislature.gov), where the public also may find information on bills, the legislative calendar and Nebraska state senators.

The session is scheduled to adjourn June 10. ■

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# NEW BILLS

January 7, 2021

Bill	Introducer	One-line description
LB1	Executive Board	Correlate provisions of Laws 2019, LB538, with Initiative Law 2020, No. 430, regarding mechanical amusement devices
LB2	Briese	Change the valuation of agricultural land and horticultural land for certain school district taxes
LB3	Briese	Change notice requirements for school district budget hearings and require access to school district data
LB4	Briese	Change tuition credit provisions for the Active Selected Reserve of the armed forces of the United States
LB5	Blood	Adopt the Purple Star Schools Act
LB6	Blood	Change provisions relating to the taxation of military retirement benefits
LB7	Blood	Provide immunity from arrest and prosecution for witnesses and victims of violent crimes
LB8	Blood	Change independent expenditure reporting requirements and require electioneering reporting
LB9	Blood	Change annexation requirements and property tax special valuation provisions
LB10	Blood	Change motor vehicle and property tax exemptions for disabled veterans
LB11	Blood	Change provisions regarding voter registration and requests for ballots for early voting
LB12	Blood	Require a commuter rail service study by the Department of Transportation
LB13	Blood	Prohibit possession of a deadly weapon by the subject of a foreign protection order
LB14	Blood	Adopt the Audiology and Speech-Language Pathology Interstate Compact
LB15	Blood	Adopt the Occupational Therapy Practice Interstate Compact
LB16	Kolterman	Provide for state contributions to the Nebraska Retirement Fund for Judges
LB17	Kolterman	Change actuarial valuation and amortization provisions for certain state retirement systems
LB18	Kolterman	Change provisions relating to equivalent employees and qualified locations under the ImagiNE Nebraska Act
LB19	Kolterman	Change provisions relating to nail technology and body art
LB20	Blood	Provide for insurance coverage of and medicaid access to prescribed contraceptives
LB21	Williams	Change insurance provisions regarding administrative penalties, health maintenance organizations, and continuing education
LB22	Williams	Change provisions of the Nebraska Protection in Annuity Transactions Act
LB23	Williams	Change provisions of the Real Property Appraiser Act
LB24	Kolterman	Change fee, remittance, and distribution provisions relating to the Nebraska Retirement Fund for Judges
LB25	Wayne	Change provisions relating to the division of ad valorem taxes under the Community Development Law
LB26	Wayne	Provide a sales tax exemption for residential water service
LB27	Wayne	Provide for appropriations to the Nebraska State Historical Society
LB28	Wayne	Provide for motions for new trial based on newly discovered evidence
LB29	Wayne	Replace Arbor Day with Juneteenth as a state holiday
LB30	Wayne	Limit the amount an insured pays for prescription insulin drugs
LB31	Wayne	Authorize punitive damages as prescribed and provide for distribution
LB32	Pansing Brooks	Provide for Class ICA and IDA felony classifications and change penalties
LB33	Pansing Brooks	Change provisions relating to minimum sentences
LB34	Pansing Brooks	Change sentencing provisions for crimes committed by a person under twenty-one years of age
LB35	Pansing Brooks	Change membership provisions for the First Regiment Nebraska Volunteer Infantry at Fort Donelson Committee
LB36	Erdman	Require display of the national motto in schools
LB37	Lowe	Change and eliminate provisions relating to the state boiler inspector, fee schedules, and powers and duties of the State Fire Marshal
LB38	Lindstrom	Change provisions relating to tax credits and retaliatory taxes
LB39	Lindstrom	Change the Sports Arena Facility Financing Assistance Act
LB40	Groene	Adopt the Nebraska Rural Projects Act
LB41	Dorn	Change provisions relating to certain payments of funds to townships
LB42	Dorn	Provide for transfers to the Hall of Fame Trust Fund
LB43	M. Hansen	Provide for election of election commissioners and eliminate certain deputy positions
LB44	M. Hansen	Change requirements for adoption of an affordable housing action plan
LB45	M. Hansen	Eliminate provisions relating to continuance of proceedings under the Uniform Residential Landlord and Tenant Act
LB46	M. Hansen	Eliminate an alternative service provision under the Uniform Residential Landlord and Tenant Act

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LB47	M. Hansen	Change procedures relating to obligees in child support proceedings
LB48	M. Hansen	Change provisions relating to marriage and annulments
LB49	M. Hansen	Change penalty for use of tobacco or nicotine products by person under twenty-one years of age
LB50	Groene	Change voice analysis examiner and voice stress analyzer provisions under the Licensing of Truth and Deception Examiners Act
LB51	Lathrop	Change and provide qualifications for and duties relating to certification of law enforcement officers, require accreditation of law enforcement agencies, prohibit chokeholds in law enforcement, and require policies on excessive force
LB52	Lathrop	Provide for immunity for injury or death resulting from COVID-19 exposure
LB53	Lathrop	Provide immunity for health care providers acting in conformance with the crisis standard of care during a COVID-19 state of emergency
LB54	Lathrop	Change immunity for intentional torts under the Political Subdivisions Tort Claims Act and the State Tort Claims Act
LB55	Lathrop	Change judges' salaries
LB56	Lathrop	Change provisions relating administration of and eligibility for parole
LB57	Lathrop	Provide a hearsay exception for present sense impressions
LB58	Pahls	Change requirements for service by publication for delinquent liens arising from city or village special assessments
LB59	Stinner	Change provisions regarding sales of tourism promotional products by the Nebraska Tourism Commission and distribution of revenue
LB60	Kolterman	Change provisions related to community college levies
LB61	Kolterman	Provide formal protest procedures for certain state contracts for services
LB62	Kolterman	Create the Access College Early Scholarship Cash Fund and change provisions relating to the Nebraska Education Improvement Fund, Nebraska Opportunity Grant Fund, and Community College Gap Assistance Program Fund
LB63	Lindstrom	Change certain deadlines relating to property tax exemptions
LB64	Lindstrom	Change provisions relating to the taxation of social security benefits
LB65	Williams	Change contractual conflict of interest provisions under the Nebraska Political Accountability and Disclosure Act
LB66	Williams	Change deposit, bond, custodial official, and pooled collateral provisions under the Public Funds Deposit Security Act
LB67	Day	Change provisions relating to school-based health centers under the Medical Assistance Act
LB68	Day	Change provisions relating to reimbursement for services provided by the federal Child Care Subsidy program
LB69	Day	Adopt the Student Loan Repayment Tax Credit Act
LB70	Wayne	Authorize the State Athletic Commissioner to regulate professional kickboxing and professional bare-knuckle boxing
LB71	Wayne	Change provisions relating to intentional tort claims under the Political Subdivisions Tort Claims Act and State Tort Claims Act
LB72	Geist	Provide for sale of alcoholic liquor not in its original package
LB73	Geist	Direct a portion of the proceeds from the Nebraska Racetrack Gaming Act to county agricultural societies
LB74	Geist	Eliminate funding for the Nebraska Advantage Microenterprise Tax Credit Act and state intent regarding use of funds
LB75	Gragert	Change provisions relating to township libraries
LB76	Slama	Change apportionment of Nebraska's electoral college votes
LB77	Gragert	Prohibit insurance risk classifications and rate adjustments based on the fact that the insured is deployed in the military
LB78	Gragert	Require applicants for certain license plates to register with the Department of Veterans' Affairs
LB79	Briese	Change the minimum amount of relief provided under the Property Tax Credit Act
LB80	Briese	Change shipping license fees under the Nebraska Liquor Control Act
LB81	Hilkemann	Provide authority for sanitary and improvement districts to own, construct, and maintain public parking facilities
LB82	Hilkemann	Change motor vehicle tax schedules
LB83	Flood	Change the Open Meetings Act to provide for virtual conferencing

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Bill	Introducer	One-line description
LB84	Bostelman	Redefine terms relating to tax incentive performance audits and the ImagiNE Nebraska Act
LB85	Bostelman	Require Nebraska State Patrol to provide notice of expiration of concealed handgun permit
LB86	Bostelman	Require registration for the prescription drug monitoring system
LB87	Morfeld	Provide for mental health first aid training for school districts and change provisions relating to the use of lottery funds
LB88	Morfeld	Protect free speech rights of student journalists and student media advisers
LB89	Morfeld	Allow persons eighteen years of age to make health care decisions and persons under nineteen years of age in correctional facilities to consent to medical and mental health care
LB90	Halloran	Change fee provisions under the Pesticide Act and the Nebraska Commercial Fertilizer and Soil Conditioner Act
LB91	Brandt	Change germination seed testing provisions under the Nebraska Seed Law
LB92	Clements	Change residency requirements for college tuition purposes for students from schools that elect not to meet accreditation or approval requirements
LB93	Government, Military and Veterans Affairs	Eliminate a reporting requirement regarding marriages
LB94	Government, Military and Veterans Affairs	Prohibit invalidation of certain online notarial acts performed under the Governor's Executive Order
LB95	DeBoer	Change provisions relating to garnishment
LB96	DeBoer	Change provisions related to sanitary and improvement district hearings
LB97	DeBoer	Change provisions relating to adoptions
LB98	Walz	Change provisions relating to agricultural or horticultural land receiving special valuation
LB99	Walz	Change provisions of the Community Development Law relating to limitations on blighted areas
LB100	Walz	Prohibit certain billing practices under the Medical Assistance Act
LB101	Walz	Change the date for addition of long-term services and supports under the medicaid managed care program
LB102	Dorn	Provide for transfer of duties of clerks of the district court to clerk magistrates
LB103	Dorn	Appropriate funds to aid counties to pay certain federal judgments
LB104	Friesen	Allow aggregation of pecuniary losses for criminal mischief offenses
LB105	Friesen	Change certification dates for unpaid county claims
LB106	Friesen	Change fees relating to access to drivers' records and provide for a new motor vehicle operator's license services system
LB107	McCollister	Adopt the Redistricting Act
LB108	McCollister	Change provisions relating to the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program
LB109	Pansing Brooks	Provide that photographing or recording a peace officer is not obstruction of justice
LB110	Pansing Brooks	Change and provide duties relating to use of force in law enforcement
LB111	Albrecht	Change provisions relating to various offenses involving public safety
LB112	Albrecht	Require members of the public to be allowed to speak at each meeting subject to the Open Meetings Act
LB113	Albrecht	Change provisions relating to motor vehicle titling, licensing, registration, and fees and operators' licenses and permits and authorize a new motor carrier services system
LB114	McCollister	Adopt the Clean Slate Act
LB115	McCollister	Impose sales tax on candy and soft drinks and provide for distribution of proceeds
LB116	McCollister	Change provisions relating to handgun transfer certificates and require suicide prevention training and informational materials
LB117	M. Cavanaugh	Adopt the Hunger-Free Schools Act
LB118	Morfeld	Change duration of harassment, sexual assault, and domestic abuse protection orders and change requirements for affidavits
LB119	M. Cavanaugh	Change provisions of the Healthy Pregnancies for Incarcerated Women Act
LB120	Hunt	Prohibit discrimination based upon sexual orientation and gender identity
LB121	Hunt	Change provisions relating to eligibility for Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program benefits
LB122	Hunt	Change provisions relating to the minimum wage
LB123	M. Cavanaugh	Change meetings requirements for the Legislative Council
LB124	McCollister	Change provisions relating to reports of the Inspector General of the Nebraska Correctional System



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Bill	Introducer	One-line description
LB125	McCollister	Provide for ranked-choice voting for certain elections
LB126	Halloran	Require use of headlights and taillights when windshield wipers are in operation
LB127	M. Cavanaugh	Provide for adjustments to payments to guardians of former state wards
LB128	McCollister	Adopt the Residential Tenant Clean Slate Act
LB129	McCollister	Change provisions relating to eligibility for services under the Medical Assistance Act
LB130	McCollister	Change membership provisions for the Board of Parole
LB131	Hunt	Change provisions relating to the enactment of ordinances
LB132	DeBoer	Create the School Financing Review Commission
LB133	Erdman	Adopt the Nebraska EPIC Consumption Tax Act and eliminate certain other taxes
LB134	Brandt	Require the posting and reporting of tax incentive information under the Taxpayer Transparency Act
LB135	Wishart	Change special education reimbursements
LB136	Vargas	Change procedures regarding short-term suspension of students
LB137	Vargas	Require reporting to the Nebraska Early Childhood Professional Record System
LB138	Vargas	Require jails and law enforcement agencies to provide public notice before entering into agreements to enforce federal immigration law
LR1	Blood	Express support for the United States Air Force to reestablish the United States Space Command headquarters at Offutt Air Force Base
LR2CA	Wayne	Constitutional amendment to legalize cannabis for persons twenty-one and older and to require legislation
LR3CA	Slama	Constitutional amendment to require verification of identity prior to voting
LR4	McKinney	Thank former Senator Ernie Chambers for his service to the Legislature and the State of Nebraska and congratulate him on his incredible career of public service
LR5	Gragert	Accept the findings and recommendations of the Healthy Soils Task Force submitted to the Governor and the Agriculture Committee
LR6	Gragert	Congratulate the Wausa-Osmond High School one-act team on winning the 2020 NSAA Class C-1 state play production championship
LR7	Gragert	Congratulate the Creighton High School one-act team on winning the 2020 NSAA Class C-2 state play production championship
LR8	Gragert	Congratulate Brad Haglund on achieving the rank of Eagle Scout
LR9	Brandt	Congratulate the Bruning-Davenport-Shickley Eagles football team for winning the 2020 Class D-2 state championship
LR10CA	M. Cavanaugh	Constitutional amendment to remove felony convictions other than treason from being a disqualification for voting
LR11CA	Erdman	Constitutional amendment to require enactment of a consumption tax and prohibit certain other forms of taxation

## January 8, 2021

LB139	Briese	Adopt the COVID-19 Liability Protection Act
LB140	Stinner	Change provisions relating to enforcement of railroad safety standards
LB141	Stinner	Appropriate funds to the University of Nebraska at Kearney
LB142	Stinner	Change provisions relating to General Fund transfers to the Nebraska Cultural Preservation Endowment Fund
LB143	Kolterman	Require notice to school districts regarding changes in child placement
LB144	Kolterman	Define terms under the Class V School Employees Retirement Act
LB145	Kolterman	Provide for and change audit, reporting, and billing practices under the Class V School Employees Retirement Act
LB146	Kolterman	Define and redefine terms relating to school retirement provisions
LB147	Kolterman	Change provisions relating to retirement systems for Class V school districts
LB148	Bostelman	Transfer certain environmental safety programs to the Department of Environment and Energy
LB149	Albrecht	Adopt changes to federal law regarding motor vehicles and motor carriers
LB150	Morfeld	Increase the indigent defense court filing fee
LB151	Morfeld	Adopt the Prosecutorial Transparency Act
LB152	Slama	Change provisions regarding fireworks

# NEW BILLS

Bill	Introducer	One-line description
LB153	Wayne	Include virtual school students in the state aid to schools formula
LB154	Wayne	Require tracking of student discipline as prescribed
LB155	Wayne	Change provisions relating to certain paternity proceedings
LB156	Wayne	Adopt the Municipal Inland Port Authority Act
LB157	Wayne	Change provisions relating to grand juries in cases of death during apprehension or custody
LB158	Wayne	Provide for restoration of voting rights upon completion of a felony sentence or probation for a felony
LB159	Urban Affairs	Provide for printing or publishing city and village ordinances in electronic form
LB160	Wayne	Increase limits on medical malpractice liability and change provisions regarding financial responsibility and the Excess Liability Fund
LB161	Urban Affairs	Provide for the applicability of state and local construction codes
LB162	Urban Affairs	Provide a procedure for detachment of real property from the corporate limits of a city or village and eliminate existing detachment provisions
LB163	Urban Affairs	Change and eliminate provisions relating to cities, villages, and metropolitan utilities districts
LB164	Erdman	Change provisions relating to the establishment of speed limits by local authorities
LB165	Erdman	Change provisions relating to the assessment of real property that suffers significant property damage
LB166	Geist	Provide for Josh the Otter-Be Safe Around Water Plates, create a fund, and provide powers and duties for Game and Parks
LB167	Geist	Protect religious freedoms as prescribed and provide for certain tort claims
LB168	M. Hansen	Terminate authorization for creation of sanitary and improvement districts
LB169	M. Hansen	Repeal locksmith registration requirements
LB170	M. Hansen	Change provisions relating to the date when compensation begins under the Nebraska Workers' Compensation Act
LB171	M. Hansen	Change provisions of the Employment Security Law relating to weekly benefit amounts and maximum annual amounts
LB172	M. Hansen	Change provisions relating to benefit payments under the Employment Security Law
LB173	B. Hansen	Change provisions relating to carrying a concealed weapon
LB174	Friesen	Change provisions relating to highways and highway funding, road classifications, licensure of local highway and street superintendents, motor vehicle safety responsibility, accident reports, and the Nebraska Rules of the Road
LB175	Friesen	Change the distribution of sales tax revenue and authorize the use of funds for certain infrastructure projects
LB176	Lindstrom	Provide an income tax credit for certain agricultural producers
LB177	Lindstrom	Change provisions relating to liens under the Uniform Commercial Code
LB178	Lindstrom	Adopt the Infrastructure Improvement and Replacement Assistance Act and provide for a turnback of state sales tax revenue
LB179	Linehan	Transition from elected to appointed county assessors
LB180	Linehan	Change provisions relating to certain public statements of the Tax Commissioner and certain estimates of General Fund net receipts
LB181	Linehan	Change the Convention Center Facility Financing Assistance Act
LB182	Linehan	Exclude certain income from the definition of gross receipts
LB183	Hunt	Adopt the Sexual Assault Emergency Care Act and provide for discipline against a hospital's license
LB184	Brewer	Provide for an insurance premium deduction from the retirement annuity of certain Nebraska State Patrol employees
LB185	Brewer	Appropriate funds to the Department of Health and Human Services for public health aid
LB186	Hilkemann	Change provisions relating to offense of criminal child enticement
LB187	M. Cavanaugh	Change definition of sexual penetration for purposes of sexual offenses
LB188	Halloran	Adopt the Second Amendment Preservation Act
LB189	Halloran	Change provisions relating to property tax refunds
LB190	Hughes	Change provisions relating to use of the Water Sustainability Fund
LB191	Hughes	Redefine elector for the Irrigation District Act
LB192	Wishart	State intent regarding appropriations for law enforcement training and certification
LB193	Wishart	State intent regarding appropriations for law enforcement training
LB194	Vargas	Change the Nebraska Job Creation and Mainstreet Revitalization Act
LB195	Halloran	Adopt the Faithful Delegate to Federal Article V Convention Act
LB196	Vargas	Prohibit discrimination based on lawful source of income under the Nebraska Fair Housing Act

# NEW BILLS

Bill	Introducer	One-line description
LB197	Vargas	Change residency requirements for college tuition purposes for participants in the National and Community Service State Grant Program
LB198	Vargas	Change provisions relating to the Student Discipline Act
LB199	Vargas	Adopt the Face Surveillance Privacy Act
LB200	Vargas	Provide a high school graduation requirement relating to federal student aid
LB201	Pansing Brooks	Change provisions relating to jurisdiction over juveniles
LB202	Pansing Brooks	Change provisions relating to transition of young adults to independence
LB203	Pansing Brooks	Prescribe requirements for public colleges and universities regarding criminal history and juvenile court record information
LB204	Slama	Change provisions of the Sex Offender Registration Act
LB205	Hunt	Change provision relating to unpaid periodic rent under the Uniform Residential Landlord and Tenant Act
LB206	McDonnell	Change provisions and penalties relating to arson, trespass, and graffiti
LB207	McDonnell	Change provisions relating to the date when compensation begins under the Nebraska Workers' Compensation Act
LB208	McDonnell	State intent related to funding for development districts
LB209	Wayne	Change provisions relating to treatment of deferred compensation by certain political subdivisions, state agencies and the Public Employees Retirement Board
LB210	Murman	Change provisions relating to part-time enrollment and extracurricular activities
LB211	Murman	Adopt the Reflexologist Registration Act
LB212	M. Cavanaugh	Prohibit charging members of the Legislature fees for public record requests
LR12	Gragert	Express sympathy to the family of Judge Merritt C. Warren
LR13CA	Brewer	Constitutional amendment to limit the percentage of funding for schools that comes from property taxes
LR14	Halloran	Resolution to Congress for convention of the states to propose amendments to the United States Constitution
LR15	B. Hansen	Congratulate the Guardian Angels Central Catholic High School girls' softball team on winning the 2020 Class C state championship
LR16	B. Hansen	Thank Paul Timm for serving seventeen years in education



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Sen. Steve Halloran

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Sen. Matt Williams

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Sen. Ben Hansen

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Sen. Lynne Walz

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Sen. Tom Briese

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Sen. Tom Brewer

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Sen. John Arch

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Sen. Mark Kolterman

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Sen. Lou Ann Linehan

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Sen. Curt Friesen

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Sen. Justin Wayne

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Sen. Dan Hughes

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Sen. Robert Hilkemann

# 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,” it 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 Madam President, the lieutenant governor alone holds the 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 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 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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