

Government spending, school funding and winner-take-all top governor's priority list

Gov. Jim Pillen revealed his budgetary and legislative priorities in his State of the State address to lawmakers Jan. 15. Top priorities for the governor include limiting government spending, improving the state's school funding system and reinstating a winner-take-all system for allocating Nebraska's Electoral College votes.

Pillen touted several proposals intended to shrink the size of government and lower government spending by 0.5% over the next biennium, including "common sense" adjustments to the state tax code, eliminating duplicative boards and commissions and focusing on the state's needs rather than wants.

"To shrink government, we must eliminate its obsolete parts," Pillen said. "We must continually assess which parts of government are still of use to the people."

The governor also proposed the consolidation of two major state agencies – the Department of Environment and Energy and the Department of Natural Resources – which he said needlessly divide the state's focus on water quality and quantity.

Under his proposal, a newly established Department of Water, Energy and Environment would be solely responsible for overseeing the state's system of surface waterways and the Ogallala Aquifer.

"Water is the lifeblood of Nebraska," Pillen said, "and what we do to protect our quantity and to improve our quality of water ... will be our legacy."

Pillen also discussed the importance of reevaluating the state's school funding system. In the last 25 years, he said, the number of school districts receiving state aid has decreased from 226 to just 60. That was not the intent of the original law, he said.

To correct the situation, Pillen said he will establish a "blue ribbon" commission of experts to "cut through the bureaucracy" and recommend a new school funding model for Nebraska.

"We are going to have to have the courage to make serious and lasting fixes to the system," he said.

The governor also prioritized eliminating the current



During his address, Gov. Jim Pillen urged lawmakers to embrace his policy agenda.

practice of allocating three of Nebraska's Electoral College votes by congressional district, proposing instead to adopt a winner-take-all system. For three decades, Pillen said, Nebraskans have divided their voices and diminished the state's impact on presidential elections.

"With no presidential election around the corner, there's no better time than now to dispassionately deliver on the will of the majority of this state," he said, "to honor our constitutional founding and unify our voice in our most important exercise of democracy." ■

Proposed legislative rule changes considered

The Rules Committee heard testimony Jan. 16 on nearly two dozen proposed changes to the Legislature’s permanent rules.

The permanent rules govern the legislative process and are adopted at the beginning of each biennium. The 22 proposals offered a variety of changes, including one to elect chairpersons of the 14 standing committees by roll-call vote. Those votes currently are cast by secret ballot.

Central City Sen. Loren Lippincott, chairperson of the Rules Committee, offered the proposal. He said both the public and members of the Legislature have a right to know how senators vote when electing chairpersons.

“This rule change creates a culture of transparency and accountability in all we do,” he said.

Allie Bush, founder of Nebraskans Against Government Overreach, testified in support the proposed change.

“We should get to know who you

guys are voting for every single step of the way,” Bush said. “There shouldn’t be secret votes.”

Speaking in opposition was Timothy Melcher. Testifying on his own behalf, Melcher said public ballots for leadership positions might put pressure on senators to vote for members of their own party even if they aren’t the most qualified candidate.

“This would compromise the non-partisan spirit in our body,” he said.

Several of the proposals revived or expanded on attempts from the 2024 session to address how the required number of votes for cloture — a motion that ceases debate and forces a vote on a bill — is calculated.

Currently, a cloture motion requires approval by a two-thirds majority of the 49 members of the Legislature, or 33 votes.

A proposal from Omaha Sen. Kathleen Kauth would retain the two-thirds threshold but would change the requirement to two-thirds of the members

present who are voting yes or no on the question of invoking cloture.

The change would mean that members who are present in the legislative chamber but do not cast a yes or no vote would not be included in the calculus for reaching the required two-thirds majority.

Kauth said she understands that there may be strategic reasons for a senator to refrain from voting, but that doing so should not be without consequences.

“It’s our responsibility as senators to make our constituents’ voices heard through us and if we choose to sit aside and not vote on something, there needs to be some understanding that there [is] a price to pay for that,” she said.

Bush testified in favor of the proposal.

“We elected you guys to come down here and vote yes or no,” she said.

Lippincott brought two proposals to alter the existing cloture rule. One option would retain the current two-thirds majority requirement, but would exclude members who are present but not voting. It also would



Sen. Loren Lippincott



Sen. Kathleen Kauth

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require a minimum of 25 affirmative votes for a successful cloture motion.

The second Lippincott proposal simply would require a three-fifths majority, or 30 votes, for a successful cloture motion.

Lippincott said the Legislature needs to evolve in light of recent sessions when those in the political minority made extensive use of the current rules to try and control the pace of debate.

“Filibustering really slowed down the whole legislative process,” he said.

No one testified in favor of either Lippincott proposal. Opposed to both was Heidi Uhing, director of public policy at Civic Nebraska.

While impatience with the current process is understandable, Uhing said, the current 33 vote threshold provides for a thorough vetting of bills.

“Legislating is intended to be a deliberative process, with the goal of producing better quality legislation through debate,” she said. “Asking questions and allowing time for analysis should not necessarily be seen as counterproductive or a waste of time.”

Also considered was a Lippincott proposal to allow committee chairpersons to vote to exclude the press from executive sessions – in which the committee considers and votes on measures they have heard.

Under the current rules, media members are allowed to attend executive sessions and report on the proceedings.

“We want transparency and accountability for our voting while maintaining the freedom to brainstorm and have a protected, creative process, which often happens in executive sessions,” Lippincott said.

No one testified in favor of the proposed rule change.

Korby Gilbertson, representing Media Nebraska, spoke in opposition.

Journalists are the conduit that brings information from the Capitol to the citizenry, she said.

“Important public business should be conducted in public,” Gilbertson said.

Among other rule changes offered at the hearing were proposals to:

- remove the current 20 bill maximum for individual bill introduction each session that was adopted last year, offered by Omaha Sen. Terrell McKinney;



Sen. Terrell McKinney

- adopt a method of calling a member to order for engaging in speech not directly related to the bill or motion under consideration, offered by Hastings Sen. Dan Lonowski;



Sen. Dan Lonowski

- remove party affiliation stipulations for membership on the legislative Redistricting Committee, offered by Lippincott;
- combine the Agriculture and Natural Resources committees and create a Technology Committee, offered by Kauth;
- eliminate the ability to offer a reconsideration motion on an amendment or motion that failed if at least four-fifths, or 40 senators, voted against the motion or amendment, offered by Bellevue Sen. Rick



Sen. Rick Holdcroft

Holdcroft;

- require submission of a bill’s statement of intent within one calendar day after its introduction, offered by Sumner Sen. Teresa Ibach; and
- allow for collective consideration of certain gubernatorial appointees, offered by Blair Sen. Ben Hansen.



Sen. Teresa Ibach



Sen. Ben Hansen

The committee took no immediate action on any of the proposed rule changes. Debate on any changes forwarded to the floor by the committee is expected to begin Jan. 22. ■

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MEET THE SENATOR

Wordekemper answers call to public service

There's a well-worn cliché about the large volume of information that newly elected senators face, and one that Fremont Sen. Dave Wordekemper has heard often in his first week at the State Capitol.

"Does it feel like you're drinking from a fire hose?"

Wordekemper — "Woody" to family and friends — has been a firefighter and paramedic his entire adult life, and as he begins a new role as a freshman lawmaker the question has become a running joke.

"I can't tell you how many times people have said that to me," he laughs. "First, I don't advise it. If you knew the stuff that grows in a fire hose, you wouldn't drink from it."

While there is much to learn about the Legislature and his part in the policy-making process, Wordekemper isn't easily overwhelmed. You learn quickly in the helping professions that you never know what the next call will bring, he said, so you just take life as it comes.

"Every alarm is a new situation that you haven't encountered before, no matter how long you've been on the job," Wordekemper said. "You learn not to take things for granted and it puts life into perspective; you deal with whatever it is and you move on."

The District 15 senator has been the person people call for help since he was old enough to follow one of his five older brothers into a position as a volunteer firefighter in West Point, where he was born and raised. After four years as a volunteer, Wordekemper had found his calling.



Sen. Dave Wordekemper's 1-year-old granddaughter Calynn tries out his gear during a visit to the Fremont Fire Station.

"The ability to help someone who is in the worst situation of their life just struck a chord with me," he said. The result was a three-decade-long career with the Fremont Fire Department that will end with his retirement in early February.

At 59, Wordekemper said, the job started to take a physical toll and he "just knew it was time." But, as someone who has been on the go all his life — either at work or hunting, fishing and camping in his off hours — the question quickly became: what's next?

The answer was to find a way to continue to serve his community. But, Wordekemper said, his wife Barb, herself a busy RN health coach in Fremont, had a few ground rules.

As a firefighter and paramedic, you have to answer the call when the alarm sounds, he said. Someone's

life could depend on it. But as a state senator, his wife told him, some calls that come during dinner can go to voicemail.

"She knows that when I do anything, I give it my whole heart," Wordekemper laughed. "So, she laid down the law a little bit."

Wordekemper knows that his new role as a state senator also will involve long hours and time away from the people he loves most — including two granddaughters, the youngest born just weeks before he was sworn into office. But that's just how he's built.

"Community service is what I know," Wordekemper said. ■

NEW BILLS

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Bill	Introducer	One-line description
LB130	Dungan	Change provisions relating to General Fund net receipts and transfers to the Cash Reserve Fund
LB131	Sorrentino	Include elementary and secondary schools in the Nebraska educational savings plan trust and change tax benefits
LB132	Kauth	Change provisions relating to admissibility of evidence of use of an occupant protection system or a three-point safety belt system
LB133	Holdcroft	Provide authority for animal control officers to enforce state or local animal control laws
LB134	Holdcroft	Change provisions relating to certain license plates issued to persons with military affiliation
LB135	Holdcroft	Provide, change, and eliminate provisions relating to elections for certain purposes related to bonds and tax levies
LB136	Holdcroft	Change provisions relating to service of garnishment summons, continuing liens, and notices upon corporate garnishees
LB137	Dungan	Prohibit certain restrictions on solar energy devices and pollinator gardens and provide a cause of action
LB138	Riepe	Change provisions relating to pharmacy dispensing fees under the Medical Assistance Act
LB139	Dungan	Change provisions relating to the Real Property Appraiser Act and the Nebraska Appraisal Management Company Registration Act
LB140	Sanders	Require school policies relating to use of electronic communication devices by students
LB141	Rountree	Require reporting of child abuse and neglect involving military families to military authorities and military family advocacy programs
LB142	Hughes	Redefine a term under the Tax Equity and Educational Opportunities Support Act
LB143	Rountree	Change provisions relating to student enrollment
LB144	Rountree	Change provisions relating to veterans preferences for employment
LB145	Ibach	Require the Director of Agriculture to administer a grant program relating to noxious weeds and restate intent regarding appropriations for vegetation management
LB146	Ibach	State intent regarding appropriations for dental services under the Medical Assistance Act
LB147	Hansen	Change provisions relating to approval and regulation of adding fluoride to the water supply of certain political subdivisions
LB148	Hansen	Change requirements for licensure and reciprocity under the Dentistry Practice Act
LB149	Hansen	Eliminate the prohibition on suspending a student in prekindergarten through second grade
LB150	Bosn	Change the habitual criminal sentencing enhancement
LB151	J. Cavanaugh	Adopt the First-Time Homebuyers Savings Account Act and provide income tax adjustments
LB152	J. Cavanaugh	Create a homestead exemption
LB153	Guereca	Require the Department of Health and Human Services to file a state plan amendment for postpartum coverage
LB154	Hardin	Change provisions relating to hearing instrument specialists
LB155	Hardin	Allow the use of deadly force without retreating when lawfully present in a motor vehicle
LB156	Conrad	Allow tort claims under the State Tort Claims Act and Political Subdivisions Tort Claims Act for sexual assaults of children in school settings
LB157	Conrad	Adopt the Child Tax Credit Act
LB158	Wordekemper	Provide requirements for health carriers or pharmacy benefit managers regarding out-of-pocket maximums and cost-sharing requirements
LB159	Guereca	Provide for sentencing consideration of a defendant's status as a victim of abuse or trafficking
LB160	Riepe	Change examination requirements for a license under the Barber Act
LB161	Juarez	Redefine formula students under the Tax Equity and Educational Opportunities Support Act
LB162	Juarez	Adopt the Child Care Safety and Security Act
LB163	Spivey	Create the Office of Climate Action
LB164	Spivey	Adopt the Urban Development Incentive Act
LB165	Hunt	Authorize syringe services programs in municipalities and counties and provide exceptions to penalties related to drug paraphernalia under the Uniform Controlled Substances Act
LB166	Hughes	Require the county treasurer to maintain confidentiality of certain persons' residential addresses
LB167	Clouse	Change the sunset date for the Nebraska Litter Reduction and Recycling Act
LB168	Hardin	Adopt the 340B Contract Pharmacy Protection Act
LB169	Brandt	Eliminate certain sales and use tax exemptions and impose sales and use tax on certain services

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LB170	Brandt	Eliminate the sales tax exemptions for candy and soft drinks
LB171	Brandt	Change provisions relating to individual and corporate income tax rates
LB172	Hardin	Prohibit conduct involving computer-generated child pornography
LB173	Prokop	Appropriate funds for aid to community colleges and state intent
LB174	Prokop	Change provisions relating to garnishment of wages for medical debt
LB175	Hallstrom	Provide duties for the successor in interest of a railroad
LB176	Hughes	Require resolutions of project support from political subdivisions under the Nebraska Broadband Bridge Act
LB177	Clouse	Redefine a term under the Gambling Winnings Setoff for Outstanding Debt Act and change provisions relating to the Mechanical Amusement Device Tax Act
LB178	Clouse	Require mandatory server training under the Nebraska Liquor Control Act
LB179	Clouse	Change retirement contribution rates for police officers employed by cities of the first class
LB180	Clouse	Provide an exception for public lettings and biddings for the Department of Natural Resources
LB181	M. Cavanaugh	Provide for benefits under the Young Adult Bridge to Independence Act for young adults not lawfully present in the United States
LB182	Bostar	Change provisions relating to the Affordable Housing Tax Credit Act and the Child Care Tax Credit Act
LB183	DeKay	Change provisions relating to the Uniform Disposition of Unclaimed Property Act
LB184	DeKay	Prohibit certain sales of nitrous oxide and equipment to use nitrous oxide and provide penalties
LB185	Dover	Provide for electronic notices by landlords under the Uniform Residential Landlord and Tenant Act and the Mobile Home Landlord and Tenant Act
LB186	Dover	Change provisions relating to entertainment districts under the Nebraska Liquor Control Act
LB187	Dover	Change provisions of the Nebraska Real Estate License Act
LB188	Dover	State intent to appropriate for medicaid nursing facility rates
LB189	M. Cavanaugh	Adopt the Paid Family and Medical Leave Insurance Act
LB190	M. Cavanaugh	Provide duties for the Legislative Performance Audit Committee
LB191	Bosn	Change provisions relating to unlawful interference with telecommunications under the One-Call Notification System Act
LB192	Quick	Eliminate a sunset date under the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program
LB193	Andersen	Change provisions relating to the Committee on Pacific Conflict
LB194	Sorrentino	Change provisions relating to a documentary stamp tax exemption
LR10CA	Hardin	Constitutional amendment to require the state to impose a consumption tax or an excise tax on all new goods and services and to provide a tax exemption for grocery items
LR11CA	Hardin	Constitutional amendment to prohibit governmental entities from imposing any taxes other than retail consumption taxes and excise taxes

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LB195	Meyer	Provide immunity for administration of naloxone, nalmefene, or other federally approved opioid overdose reversal medications
LB196	Storm	Authorize the operation of all-terrain vehicles and utility-type vehicles between the hours of sunset and sunrise if used for snow removal
LB197	Storm	Change provisions relating to disqualification for benefits, claim determinations, and claim redeterminations under the Employment Security Law
LB198	Sorrentino	Change provisions of the Pharmacy Benefit Manager Licensure and Regulation Act
LB199	Sorrentino	Change the statute of limitations for personal injury actions, include administrative proceedings within the Nonrecourse Civil Litigation Act, require disclosures by consumers under such act, and provide for discipline against civil litigation funding companies
LB200	Sorrentino	Provide for exemptions under the Personal Property Tax Relief Act
LB201	Kauth	Provide for a fee under Nebraska Money Transmitters Act
LB202	Kauth	Exempt certain activities from disciplinary action under the Medicine and Surgery Practice Act
LB203	Kauth	Change powers and duties of health directors in certain local public health departments
LB204	Kauth	Adopt the Biometric Autonomy Liberty Law

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Bill	Introducer	One-line description
LB205	Bosn	Provide requirements for admissibility of evidence relating to medical expenses, require disclosures by plaintiffs seeking damages for such expenses, and provide a cap on noneconomic damages in certain civil actions against commercial motor vehicle carriers
LB206	von Gillern	Provide enhanced penalties for certain offenses committed in a disaster area during an emergency period
LB207	von Gillern	Provide a registration fee under the Motor Vehicle Registration Act for certain commercially registered alternative fuel vehicles
LB208	von Gillern	Change provisions relating to sales tax collection fees, confidentiality of sales tax information, the streamlined sales and use tax agreement, a sales tax database, and certain income tax credits
LB209	von Gillern	Change provisions relating to homestead exemptions for certain veterans and a property tax exemption for certain facilities
LB210	Riepe	Provide for fees and assessments for participation and use of the prescription drug monitoring program and the designated health information exchange
LB211	Riepe	Change provisions relating to the calculation of property tax request authority under the Property Tax Growth Limitation Act
LB212	Wordekemper	Change tax provisions relating to cigars, cheroots, and stogies
LB213	Holdcroft	Require the State Board of Education to adopt academic content standards on human embryology under the science education standards
LB214	Holdcroft	Provide for the use of newborn safety devices and procedures relating to surrendered newborn infants
LB215	Holdcroft	Adopt the Clean Slate Act and provide for a program for second chance relief to obtain a commutation from the Board of Pardons
LB216	Holdcroft	Eliminate elected clerks of the district court, provide for consolidation of duties of court clerks and clerk magistrates, and change certain county employees to state employees
LB217	Fredrickson	Require suicide awareness and prevention training for employees of child-placing agencies and child welfare workers
LB218	Fredrickson	Change provisions relating to voter registration
LB219	Dungan	Remove a requirement for a minimum term of post-release supervision for Class III and IIIA felonies
LB220	M. Cavanaugh	Provide for developmental and intellectual disability impact notes for legislation
LB221	M. Cavanaugh	Provide a procedure to fill unfilled gubernatorial appointments
LB222	McKinney	Change duties of peace officers, the Superintendent of Law Enforcement and Public Safety, and certain officers of the Nebraska State Patrol relating to stopping and detaining the operator of a vehicle
LB223	Guereca	Prohibit discrimination based on lawful source of income under the Nebraska Fair Housing Act
LB224	Guereca	Require paid maternity leave for state employees
LB225	Guereca	Change application requirements for duplicate certificates of title under the Motor Vehicle Certificate of Title Act
LB226	Juarez	Provide for setting aside convictions and expunging records for convictions and adjudications for concealed weapon offenses, provide a private cause of action for violations of the Security, Privacy, and Dissemination of Criminal History Information Act, waive sovereign immunity, and provide for retroactivity
LB227	DeBoer	Change provisions relating to authorization to operate for certain motor carriers
LB228	Dorn	Change provisions of the Legislative Performance Audit Act
LB229	Hallstrom	Exclude marketplace network contractors working for marketplace network platforms from the Employment Security Law
LB230	Hallstrom	Adopt the Kratom Consumer Protection Act
LB231	Hallstrom	Adopt the Uniform Special Deposits Act
LB232	Hallstrom	Provide requirements for life insurance policies
LB233	Conrad	Require coverage for in vitro fertilization for state employees under the Nebraska State Insurance Program
LB234	Conrad	Redefine economic redevelopment area under the Urban Redevelopment Act
LB235	Conrad	Change deadlines for trials for actions for possession and execution of writs of restitution under the Uniform Residential Landlord and Tenant Act
LB236	Conrad	Allow claims involving child abuse or sexual assault of a child under the Political Subdivisions Tort Claims Act
LB237	M. Cavanaugh	Permit counties to conduct elections by mail

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Bill	Introducer	One-line description
LB238	M. Cavanaugh	Exempt local foster care review boards from the Open Meetings Act and eliminate obsolete provisions regarding an advisory group
LB239	M. Cavanaugh	Change requirements relating to developmental disabilities funding priorities and eliminate a sunset date
LB240	Jacobson	Change certain notice provisions under the Community Development Law
LB241	Hallstrom	Provide immunity from liability for cybersecurity events
LB242	Riepe	Change the Property Tax Growth Limitation Act and the School District Property Tax Relief Act and change provisions relating to budget limitations, municipal occupation taxes, and property tax statements
LB243	Sanders	Change provisions relating to sidewalk assessments by county governments
LB244	Sanders	Restate findings under the Nebraska Political Accountability and Disclosure Act
LB245	DeKay	Change provisions of the Nebraska Pure Food Act
LB246	DeKay	Prohibit cultivated-protein food products under the Nebraska Pure Food Act and provide a deceptive trade practice
LB247	DeKay	Change provisions relating to fees and distribution of proceeds under the Integrated Solid Waste Management Act and uses of and transfers from the Petroleum Release Remedial Action Cash Fund
LB248	Sanders	Exempt certain programs from child care licensing requirements
LB249	Sanders	Provide for military impact funding and change provisions relating to local formula resources under the Tax Equity and Educational Opportunities Support Act
LB250	Jacobson	Change provisions relating to the composition of the board of directors of a bank
LB251	Jacobson	Adopt changes to federal law regarding banking and finance and change provisions regarding loan limits, branch banking, failing financial institutions, credit unions, surety bonds, and interest rates for damages payable to irrigation districts
LB252	Bostar	Prohibit disadvantaging insurance and Medicaid coverage for nonopioid drugs
LB253	Bostar	Provide for insurance and medicaid coverage of biomarker testing
LB254	Hallstrom	State legislative intent to transfer funds for workforce housing
LB255	Quick	Provide for use of the Opioid Treatment Infrastructure Cash Fund for problem solving courts
LB256	Quick	Adopt the Midwest Interstate Passenger Rail Compact
LB257	Quick	Change reciprocity provisions for credentialing of marriage and family therapists
LB258	Raybould	Change provisions relating to the minimum wage under the Wage and Hour Act
LR12CA	Kauth	Constitutional amendment to impose a limit on ad valorem taxes for real property, provide a new method of valuing real property for tax purposes, provide certain exceptions, and eliminate conflicting constitutional provisions
LR13CA	Hallstrom	Constitutional amendment to prohibit the levying of an inheritance tax

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LB259	Lippincott	Adopt the Faithful Delegate to Federal Article V Convention Act
LB260	Speaker Arch	Provide, change, and eliminate provisions relating to appropriations
LB261	Speaker Arch	Appropriate funds for the expenses of Nebraska State Government for the biennium ending June 30, 2027, and appropriate Federal Funds allocated to the State of Nebraska pursuant to the federal American Rescue Plan Act of 2021
LB262	Speaker Arch	Appropriate funds for salaries of members of the Legislature
LB263	Speaker Arch	Appropriate funds for salaries of constitutional officers
LB264	Speaker Arch	Provide, change, and eliminate transfers from the Cash Reserve Fund and various other funds and change, terminate, and eliminate various statutory programs
LB265	Sorrentino	Eliminate certain funds, change provisions relating to the state unemployment insurance tax rate and the Workforce Development Program Cash Fund, and eliminate the Nebraska Worker Training Board
LB266	Dover	Prohibit political subdivisions from enacting ordinances which have the effect of imposing rent controls on private property
LB267	Rountree	Provide for removal from a rental agreement of a cotenant or occupant who has committed domestic violence, require landlords to change locks, and provide landlords with related powers and duties

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Bill	Introducer	One-line description
LB268	Rountree	Require the Department of Health and Human Services to implement a provider rate increase for developmental disability services
LB269	Rountree	Change provisions relating to the state database of sales and use tax rates for local jurisdictions
LB270	Rountree	Provide for a review by the Auditor of Public Accounts for suspected sales and use tax reporting irregularities and discrepancies
LB271	Storer	Provide for an offense of interference with railroad infrastructure, equipment, and personnel
LB272	Dungan	Change provisions relating to homestead exemptions for certain disabled veterans and surviving spouses
LB273	Hunt	Change provisions relating to a power of attorney for health care
LB274	Hunt	Change requirements under the Child Care Licensing Act for liability insurance coverage and inspections and investigations
LB275	Hunt	Require the Department of Health and Human Services to screen state wards for social security benefit eligibility
LB276	McKinney	Adopt the Municipal Police Oversight Act, require maintenance of Brady and Giglio lists, ban no-knock warrants, and change requirements on law enforcement officer records
LB277	McKinney	Change provisions relating to grand juries in cases of death during apprehension or custody
LB278	von Gillern	Change requirements for certain insurance policies and contracts
LB279	von Gillern	Allow operation of registered motor vehicles with either one or two license plates
LB280	von Gillern	Require audits of authorized gaming operators and provide powers and duties for the Auditor of Public Accounts
LB281	Quick	Change provisions relating to the Board of Nursing and eliminate the Board of Advanced Practice Registered Nurses
LB282	Prokop	Provide for reimbursement for teachers for school supplies
LB283	Spivey	Require the Department of Health and Human Services to implement express lane eligibility
LB284	Guereca	Appropriate funds to the Department of Health and Human Services
LB285	Lonowski	Prohibit the sale of flavored vape products
LB286	Urban Affairs	Change provisions relating to application deadlines under the Nebraska Innovation Hub Act and the Nebraska Rural Projects Act
LB287	Urban Affairs	Provide duties for certain housing agencies relating to bed bugs under the Nebraska Housing Agency Act
LB288	Urban Affairs	Redefine terms and change provisions relating to grant funding considerations under the Middle Income Workforce Housing Investment Act
LB289	Urban Affairs	Change provisions relating to the incorporation of villages and the number, election, and term of members on village boards of trustees, provide a procedure for changing the number of members on village boards of trustees, allow certain city councils to constitute boards of adjustment, and redefine qualifying business under the Local Option Municipal Economic Development Act
LB290	Urban Affairs	Change provisions relating to grant funding for a business park under the Economic Recovery Act
LB291	Urban Affairs	Adopt the Aid to Municipalities Act
LB292	Urban Affairs	Provide for a grant to study prefabricated housing
LB293	Ballard	Change provisions of the Professional Employer Organization Registration Act
LB294	Storer	Change provisions relating to grants from the County Visitors Improvement Fund
LB295	Retirement	Change provisions relating to the County Employees Retirement Act, the Judges Retirement Act, the Nebraska State Patrol Retirement Act, the School Employees Retirement Act, the State Employees Retirement Act, the Spousal Pension Rights Act, and the Public Employees Retirement Board
LB296	Arch	Require the State Department of Education to create a centralized education records system and employ registrars relating to students under the jurisdiction of the juvenile court and change provisions relating to graduation requirements and the State Department of Education Improvement Grant Fund
LB297	Ibach	Change provisions relating to the combined tax rate under the Employment Security Law
LB298	Arch	Provide for the Division of Legislative Oversight, the Director of Legislative Oversight, and the Legislative Oversight Committee and change provisions relating to the Public Counsel, the office of Inspector General of Nebraska Child Welfare, and the office of Inspector General of the Nebraska Correctional System
LB299	Ibach	Allow eligible aliens and dependents to receive public benefits relating to employment

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Bill	Introducer	One-line description
LB300	Murman	Change provisions relating to the Superintendent Pay Transparency Act and provide a limit for superintendent and educational service unit administrator compensation
LB301	Ibach	Allow eligible aliens to receive law enforcement officer training and certification and authorize such aliens and their dependents to receive public benefits relating to employment as a law enforcement officer
LB302	Murman	Eliminate daylight saving time
LB303	Hughes	Change provisions relating to foundation aid and certain certification dates and provide for base levy adjustments under the Tax Equity and Educational Opportunities Support Act and create the School Finance Reform Commission
LB304	DeBoer	Eliminate a sunset date for the federal Child Care Subsidy program
LB305	Ibach	Adopt the Preceptorship Tax Credit Act
LB306	Education	Change provisions relating to the Board of Trustees of the Nebraska State Colleges, the Nebraska Career Scholarship Act, the Coordinating Commission for Postsecondary Education Act, the Door to College Scholarship Act and budget limitations for community colleges
LB307	Ibach	State intent regarding appropriations for tuition waivers
LB308	Ibach	Adopt the Health Care Staffing Agency Registration Act
LB309	Hughes	Adopt the Safe Battery Collection and Recycling Act
LB310	Hansen	Provide an exemption from newborn screening for certain diseases or conditions
LB311	DeBoer	Change provisions relating to nonregulated activities under the Nebraska Telecommunications Regulation Act
LR14	Lippincott	Resolution to rescind a prior resolution and apply to Congress for a convention of the states to propose amendments to the United States Constitution
LR15CA	McKinney	Constitutional amendment to prohibit the death penalty
LR16CA	Urban Affairs	Constitutional amendment to require the Legislature to reimburse political subdivisions
LR17	Quick	Approve the indication of intent by the Game and Parks Commission to incorporate Camp Augustine into the state park system

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LB312	Strommen	Provide for student loans to students in nurse anesthesia practice programs and loan repayments for nurse anesthetists under the Rural Health Systems and Professional Incentive Act
LB313	Ibach	Change provisions under the Nebraska Workers' Compensation Act relating to subrogation of third-party claims and the distribution of proceeds in the settlement of third-party claims
LB314	Sorrentino	Change provisions of the Sports Arena Facility Financing Assistance Act
LB315	Sorrentino	Provide a sunset date for required biennial reports of and occupation taxes on domestic and foreign corporations
LB316	Kauth	Prohibit conduct relating to hemp other than cannabidiol products and change provisions of the Nebraska Hemp Farming Act and the Uniform Controlled Substances Act
LB317	Brandt	Merge the Department of Natural Resources with the Department of Environment and Energy and change the name to the Department of Water, Energy, and Environment and provide, change, and eliminate powers and duties
LB318	Rountree	Require the Department of Health and Human Services to file a state plan amendment under the Medical Assistance Act for incarcerated youth
LB319	Rountree	Change eligibility requirement for the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program
LB320	Sanders	Require that hotels and similar public lodging establishments place posters relating to human trafficking in such establishments and provide for training on human trafficking to employees of such establishments
LB321	Sanders	Change provisions relating to the board of trustees for sanitary and improvement districts
LB322	Clouse	Prohibit assault on a frontline behavioral health staff and clarify provisions relating to assault on officers, emergency responders, certain employees, and health care professionals
LB323	Moser	Change requirements for certain construction projects for the Department of Transportation
LB324	Moser	Change protest procedures relating to creation of a proposed business improvement district or modification of an existing business improvement district under the Business Improvement District Act

NEW BILLS

Bill	Introducer	One-line description
LB325	Jacobson	Change provisions relating to qualifications and requirements for the board of directors of an insurance corporation
LB326	Jacobson	Change provisions relating to the Unfair Insurance Trade Practices Act, the Nebraska Property and Liability Insurance Guaranty Association Act, and mutual insurance holding companies and eliminate the provisions of the Health Insurance Access Act and the Health Care Purchasing Pool Act
LB327	Holdcroft	Require the state to pay expenses for probation services
LB328	Holdcroft	Change provisions relating to the disbursement of the documentary stamp tax
LB329	von Gillern	Change provisions relating to sexual abuse by a school employee
LB330	Juarez	Change provisions relating to the sales tax rate and create the Alcohol Addiction Prevention and Treatment Fund
LB331	Hardin	Adopt the Nebraska EPIC Option Consumption Tax Act and terminate tax provisions
LB332	Hardin	Require medicaid coverage for psychology services provided by certain practitioners
LB333	Hardin	Change provisions of the Motor Vehicle Operator's License Act relating to hazardous materials endorsements
LB334	Hughes	Provide for confidentiality of certain candidate filing form information for judges filing for retention
LB335	Conrad	Redefine child under the In the Line of Duty Dependent Education Act
LB336	Conrad	Create the Task Force on Supported Employment
LB337	Wordekemper	Change provisions relating to the regulation and operation of all-terrain vehicles and utility-type vehicles
LB338	Wordekemper	Prohibit the use of genetic information for life insurance, disability insurance, and long-term care insurance
LB339	Hallstrom	Require the Department of Health and Human Services to provide a report regarding the federal Child Care Subsidy program
LB340	Hallstrom	Adopt the Asbestos Trust Claims Transparency Act and the Asbestos Claims Priorities and Over-Naming Reform Act
LB341	Hallstrom	Adopt the Nebraska Statutory Thresholds for Settlements Involving Minors Act
LB342	Brandt	Adopt the Fantasy Sports Consumer Protection Act and provide a gambling exception for conducting or participating in fantasy contests
LB343	Brandt	Change the fee for specialty license plates
LB344	Brandt	Change provisions relating to ground water allocation
LB345	Government, Military and Veterans Affairs	Change salaries of constitutional officers
LB346	Arch	Change qualifications of the State Capitol Administrator, provide for termination of boards, commissions, committees, councils, funds, panels, task forces, the Conservation Corporation Act, and the Nebraska Potato Development Act, and change and eliminate funds and powers and duties of departments and agencies
LB347	Prokop	Eliminate conditions on the issuance of securities by common carriers
LB348	Prokop	Appropriate funds for domestic violence services
LB349	Prokop	Change provisions relating to applications, notices, filings, exemptions, and violations regarding the construction or acquisition of certain electric energy storage resources by electric suppliers
LB350	J. Cavanaugh	Change provisions relating to commitment for restoration of competency to stand trial or be sentenced and require filing of certain documents with the court or appropriate tribal official under the Nebraska Mental Health Commitment Act and the Sex Offender Commitment Act
LB351	J. Cavanaugh	Change requirements for priority of admission to state hospitals for the mentally ill
LB352	Ballard	Change provisions relating to reports on student achievement and discipline required under the Quality Education Accountability Act
LB353	Lonowski	Allow public school employees to join or terminate membership in a labor organization
LB354	Clouse	Prohibit cities of the first class from receiving state aid from the Municipal Equalization Fund
LB355	Andersen	Change provisions relating to census data used for certain tax and economic development programs
LB356	General Affairs	Eliminate legislative confirmation of the appointment of members of the Nebraska Arts Council
LB357	General Affairs	Change provisions relating to the State Racing and Gaming Commission, the Nebraska Racetrack Gaming Act, racetrack enclosures, and racing and gaming funds
LB358	Guereca	Require the Department of Correctional Services to provide committed offenders with access to their individual files

NEW BILLS

Bill	Introducer	One-line description
LB359	M. Cavanaugh	State intent regarding appropriations for reimbursement rates for child welfare service providers
LB360	Conrad	Provide restrictions on the regulation of political signs by homeowners associations
LB361	Conrad	Changes to the Nebraska Fair Employment Practice Act to provide for jury trials and prohibit discrimination for exercise of rights under the Nebraska Workers' Compensation Act
LB362	DeBoer	Eliminate provisions of and rename the Emergency Telephone Communications Systems Act and the Enhanced Wireless 911 Services Act and change provisions of the 911 Service System Act
LB363	Ibach	Adopt the Apprenticeship Grant Act
LB364	Quick	Change provisions relating to legislative approval of an indication of intent to incorporate land into the state park system
LB365	Quick	Require coverage of self-measure blood pressure monitoring services under the Medical Assistance Act
LB366	Riepe	Create the Legislative Economic Analysis Unit and the Chief Economist
LB367	Hunt	Prohibit conversion therapy and provide for disciplinary sanctions and a deceptive trade practice
LB368	Hunt	Establish the Nebraska Youth in Care Bill of Rights
LB369	Hunt	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
LB370	Hunt	Change provisions of the Nebraska Student-Athlete Name, Image, or Likeness Rights Act
LB371	DeBoer	Provide liability for computer-generated images under the Uniform Civil Remedies for Unauthorized Disclosure of Intimate Images Act
LB372	McKeon	Eliminate the Nebraska Origin and Premium Quality Grain Cash Fund, the Agricultural Suppliers Lease Protection Act, labeling requirements for honey, a deceptive trade practice and provisions relating to grain inspections, special certificates, fees, and powers and duties of the Department of Agriculture
LB373	Hansen	Change provisions relating to section lines and vacation or abandonment of public roads
LB374	Hansen	Adopt the Licensed Midwives Practice Act
LB375	Ibach	Adopt the Grocer Reinvestment Option Act
LB376	Health & Human Services	Change and eliminate programs and services administered by the Department of Health and Human Services and eliminate various reporting requirements
LB377	Natural Resources	Change term limits for the Game and Parks Commission
LB378	Andersen	Require each public or private two-year or four-year college or university provide a report to the Attorney General relating to certain funding from a foreign source
LB379	Andersen	Change the maximum time limit for receipt of cash assistance under the Welfare Reform Act
LB380	Fredrickson	Establish requirements for Department of Health and Human Services' contractors providing medical assistance services
LB381	Fredrickson	Change requirements relating to program integrity audits under the Medical Assistance Act
LB382	Meyer	Provide for use of the Medicaid Managed Care Excess Profit Fund to reimburse designated area agencies on aging and state intent regarding appropriations
LR18CA	Government, Military and Veterans Affairs	Constitutional amendment to require the Legislature to reimburse political subdivisions
LR19CA	Dover	Constitutional amendment to change legislative term limits to three consecutive terms

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LB383	Storer	Adopt the Parental Rights in Social Media Act
LB384	Storer	Require a majority of the elected members of the governing bodies of participating political subdivisions to attend joint public hearings under the Property Tax Request Act
LB385	Storer	Change provisions relating to the Uniform Deceptive Trade Practices Act
LB386	Storer	Adopt the Regional Mental Health Expansion Pilot Program Act, provide for videoconferencing of hearings under the Nebraska Mental Health Commitment Act and the Sex Offender Commitment Act, provide for detention of certain persons at mental health beds in jails, and change provisions relating to hearings and rights of confrontation
LB387	Bosn	Redefine a term under the Nebraska Treatment and Corrections Act
LB388	DeBoer	Change provisions relating to judicial nominating commissions

NEW BILLS

Bill	Introducer	One-line description
LB389	Murman	Eliminate the levy authority of educational service units and provide state funding to educational service units
LB390	Murman	Require each school board to adopt a policy relating to access by a parent, guardian, or educational decisionmaker to certain school library information
LB391	Murman	Adopt the Give to Enable Scholarship Act and provide for certain income tax adjustments
LB392	Clements	Appropriate funds for the Legislative Council
LB393	Clements	Eliminate obsolete transfers relating to the Cash Reserve Fund
LB394	DeKay	Change provisions of the Weights and Measures Act
LB395	DeKay	Change provisions relating to unlawful possession of a firearm by a prohibited juvenile offender and sealed records
LB396	DeKay	Change provisions relating to the form and filing of public power district budgets and audits with the Nebraska Power Review Board
LB397	Moser	Eliminate provisions relating to workplace safety committees and a workplace safety program and terminate a fund
LB398	Moser	Adopt updates to federal law relating to motor vehicles and motor carriers and change provisions relating to commercial driver's licenses and CLP-commercial learner's permits
LB399	Wordekemper	Change provisions relating to property tax rates and qualifications for certain distributions under the Mutual Finance Assistance Act
LB400	Wordekemper	Provide for compensation under the Nebraska Workers' Compensation Act for cancers experienced by firefighters
LB401	von Gillern	Change provisions relating to income taxes imposed on partnerships and small business corporations and notices of deficiency determinations, deficiencies, and denials of claims for refunds
LB402	von Gillern	Include collections relating to overpayment of unemployment benefits under the Employment Security Law as collectible under the Gambling Winnings Setoff for Outstanding Debt Act and change the statute of limitations for recovery of unemployment overpayment debt
LB403	Spivey	Create the Office of Grants and provide duties
LB404	Hallstrom	Authorize the court to extend the term of probation on joint application of the probation officer and the probationer
LB405	General Affairs	Change provisions relating to entertainment district licenses under the Nebraska Liquor Control Act
LB406	General Affairs	Change provisions relating to the State Racing and Gaming Commission
LB407	J. Cavanaugh	Provide for criminal proceedings against juveniles charged with felonies following unsuccessful juvenile court proceedings and provide for inadmissibility of certain statements
LB408	Dungan	Adopt the Special Education Teacher Forgivable Loan Program Act
LB409	J. Cavanaugh	Change provisions relating to the membership of the Nebraska Power Review Board
LB410	J. Cavanaugh	Require insurance coverage of prosthetics and orthotics
LB411	Dungan	Change provisions relating to the Nebraska Teacher Recruitment and Retention Act
LB412	Hallstrom	Change provisions relating to interventions in paternity proceedings
LB413	Clouse	Change provisions relating to the setting of rates by public power districts, public irrigation districts, and public power and irrigation districts
LB414	Dungan	Establish a suicide mortality review team for the Department of Veterans' Affairs
LB415	Ballard	Change provisions of the Nebraska Healthy Families and Workplaces Act
LB416	Dungan	Change provisions relating to releases, covenants not to sue, or similar agreements on joint and several liability
LB417	Bostar	Provide for administration of the Nebraska Promise Program by the Board of Regents of the University of Nebraska, adopt the College Promise Act, and change provisions relating to the Quality Education Accountability Act
LB418	Lonowski	Allow a nonlicensed funeral director and embalmer to officiate at a funeral ceremony
LB419	Lonowski	Change provisions relating to admission to veterans homes and veterans aid
LB420	Retirement	Change provisions relating to the Public Employees Retirement Board
LB421	Clouse	Allow an authorized gaming operator to conduct sports wagering by means of an online sports wagering platform under the Nebraska Racetrack Gaming Act and change the distribution of taxes collected from sports wagering
LB422	Storer	Change provisions of the Nebraska Uniform Real Property Transfer on Death Act
LB423	Armendariz	Eliminate a grant program relating to internships for job training
LB424	Andersen	Limit increases in property tax bills

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Bill	Introducer	One-line description
LB425	Andersen	Change provisions relating to homestead exemptions for certain disabled veterans and surviving spouses
LB426	Andersen	Authorize an American flag education program and change provisions relating to the distribution of lottery funds used for education
LB427	Andersen	Require the State Treasurer to establish an educational savings account for students enrolled in kindergarten through grade twelve at an approved or accredited public, private, denominational, or parochial school
LB428	Murman	Change provisions relating to school policies on the involvement of parents, guardians, and educational decisionmakers in schools
LB429	Murman	Provide requirements and restrictions for school boards relating to professional employees' organizations
LB430	Murman	Provide an additional exception to the prohibition on suspending a student in prekindergarten through second grade and change provisions relating to short-term and long-term suspension under the Student Discipline Act
LB431	Lippincott	Prohibit kratom as a controlled substance
LB432	Lippincott	Provide for carrying out the death penalty by nitrogen hypoxia
LR20CA	Bostar	Constitutional amendment to permit an authorized gaming operator conducting sports wagering within a licensed racetrack enclosure to allow a sports wager to be placed by an individual located within the State of Nebraska at the time the individual places the sports wager by means of a mobile or electronic platform
LR21	Lippincott	Application to Congress for a convention of the states to propose an amendment to the United States Constitution to set a limit on the number of terms members of the House and Senate may serve



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COMMITTEE HEARINGS

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Wednesday, Jan. 22

Government, Military & Veterans Affairs Room 1507 - 1:30 p.m.

- LB126 (Holdcroft) Change provisions relating to redemption of bonds of political subdivisions
- LB135 (Holdcroft) Provide, change, and eliminate provisions relating to elections for certain purposes related to bonds and tax levies
- LB58 (Sanders) Eliminate provisions relating to jeweler's liens

Health & Human Services Room 1510 - 1:30 p.m.

- LB10 (Hughes) Change requirements relating to wholesale drug distributors and dispensing of certain prescription drugs
- LB27 (Ballard) Change provisions of the Rural Health Systems and Professional Incentive Act
- LB61 (Storer) Require the Department of Health and Human Services to file a medicaid waiver amendment for memory care rates
- LB13 (M. Cavanaugh) Require the Department of Health and Human Services to file a state plan amendment relating to child care

Judiciary Room 1525 - 1:30 p.m.

- LB24 (J. Cavanaugh) Change provisions relating to probation and waiver of probation fees
- LB51 (Ibach) Adopt the National Crime Prevention and Privacy Compact
- LB52 (Ibach) Provide additional offenses for which notification to crime victims is required
- LB72 (Hallstrom) Change provisions relating to controlled substance schedules under the Uniform Controlled Substances Act
- LB85 (DeBoer) Change requirements for collection of personal property of decedents' estates by affidavit
- LB133 (Holdcroft) Provide authority for animal control officers to enforce state or local animal control laws

Natural Resources Room 1023 - 1:30 p.m.

- LB20 (J. Cavanaugh) Require interconnection for electricity distribution between local distribution systems and agricultural self-generation facilities
- LB35 (Brandt) Change provisions relating to the requirements for certain exemptions for privately developed renewable energy generation facilities
- LB43 (DeKay) Change provisions relating to notice and certification requirements for electric generation facilities, transmission lines, and privately developed renewable energy generation facilities located near military installations

Revenue Room 1524 - 1:30 p.m.

- LB194 (Sorrentino) Change provisions relating to a documentary stamp tax exemption
- LB78 (Bostar) Adopt the Domestic Violence and Sex Trafficking Survivor Assistance Act and change the rate and allocation of the documentary stamp tax
- LB8 (Dungan) Change provisions relating to the tax credits under the Sustainable Aviation Fuel Tax Credit Act

Thursday, Jan. 23

Government, Military & Veterans Affairs Room 1507 - 1:30 p.m.

- LB166 (Hughes) Require the county treasurer to maintain confidentiality of certain persons' residential addresses
- LB180 (Clouse) Provide an exception for public lettings and biddings for the Department of Natural Resources
- LB59 (Sanders) Provide for the disbursement of funds of a natural resources district by electronic payment systems

Health & Human Services Room 1510 - 1:30 p.m.

- LB22 (Dungan) Require the Department of Health and Human Services to file a state plan amendment for evidenced-based nurse home-visitation services

- LB41 (Riepe) Change blood test requirements for pregnant women
- LB42 (Riepe) Provide for employment of nurse aides in intellectual and developmental disability facilities
- LB71 (DeBoer) Change requirements for child care reimbursement rates

Judiciary Room 1525 - 1:30 p.m.

- **LB5 and LB195 will be combined in a joint hearing*
- LB5 (Bosn) Provide immunity for administration of naloxone or other federally approved opioid antagonists
- LB195 (Meyer) Provide immunity for administration of naloxone, nalmefene, or other federally approved opioid overdose reversal medications
- LB26 (Ballard) Include certain hospital and health clinic employees within statutes protecting health care professionals from assault
- LB80 (Hallstrom) Adopt the Protection Orders Act
- LB93 (Dungan) Change provisions relating to discovery of information contained in electronic devices and to expert witnesses in criminal cases
- LB124 (Holdcroft) Change penalties for motor vehicle homicide of an unborn child
- LB184 (DeKay) Prohibit certain sales of nitrous oxide and equipment to use nitrous oxide and provide penalties

Natural Resources Room 1023 - 1:30 p.m.

- LB38 (Jacobson) Change provisions of the Geologists Regulation Act
- LB91 (DeKay) Change provisions relating to the conveyance of electric distribution systems by public power districts or public power and irrigation districts to cities or villages
- LB167 (Clouse) Change the sunset date for the Nebraska Litter Reduction and Recycling Act

Revenue Room 1524 - 1:30 p.m.

- LB209 (von Gillern) Change provisions relating to homestead exemptions for certain veterans and a property tax exemption for certain facilities

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LB200 (Sorrentino) Provide for exemptions under the Personal Property Tax Relief Act
 LB116 (Ballard) Change provisions of the Convention Center Facility Financing Assistance Act and the Nebraska Visitors Development Act

Friday, Jan. 24

Government, Military & Veterans Affairs Room 1507 - 1:30 p.m.

Appointment: Daryl Bohac - Neb. State Historical Society
Appointment: Lee Will - Department of Administrative Services
Appointment: Michael R. Gloor - Neb. Accountability and Disclosure Commission
Appointment: Kevin Workman - State Personnel Board

Health & Human Services Room 1510 - 1:30 p.m.

Appointment: Drew D. Gonshorowski - DHHS: Division of Medicaid and Long Term Care
Appointment: Thomas Janousek - DHHS: Division of Behavioral Health

Judiciary

Room 1525 - 1:30 p.m.

LB65 (DeBoer) Exempt individuals under nineteen years of age from payment of certain court costs and fees and change provisions of the Nebraska Juvenile Code
 LB70 (DeBoer) Provide for adoption by a second adult person and change provisions relating to adoptions
 LB99 (Spivey) Limit use of restrictive housing and solitary confinement
 LB136 (Holdcroft) Change provisions relating to service of garnishment summons, continuing liens, and notices upon corporate garnishees
 LB174 (Prokop) Change provisions relating to garnishment of wages for medical debt

Nebraska Retirement Systems Room 1525 - 12:00 p.m.

LB108 (Jacobson) Change contributions provisions under the Cities of

the First Class Firefighters Retirement Act

Revenue

Room 1524 - 1:30 p.m.

LB208 (von Gillern) Change provisions relating to sales tax collection fees, confidentiality of sales tax information, the streamlined sales and use tax agreement, a sales tax database, and certain income tax credits
 LB182 (Bostar) Change provisions relating to the Affordable Housing Tax Credit Act and the Child Care Tax Credit Act
 LB115 (Ballard) Increase the income tax credit and change the qualification criteria under the Volunteer Emergency Responders Incentive Act

Monday, Jan. 27

Banking, Commerce & Insurance Room 1507 - 1:30 p.m.

LB21 (J. Cavanaugh) Adopt the Uniform Unlawful Restrictions in Land Records Act
 LB187 (Dover) Change provisions of the Nebraska Real Estate License Act
 LB139 (Dungan) Change provisions relating to the Real Property Appraiser Act and the Nebraska Appraisal Management Company Registration Act

Business & Labor

Room 2102 - 1:30 p.m.

LB229 (Hallstrom) Exclude marketplace network contractors working for marketplace network platforms from the Employment Security Law
 LB308 (Ibach) Adopt the Health Care Staffing Agency Registration Act
 LB144 (Rountree) Change provisions relating to veterans preferences for employment
 LB100 (Spivey) Adopt the Business Innovation and Startup Act
 LB197 (Storm) Change provisions relating to disqualification for benefits, claim determinations, and claim redeterminations under the Employment Security Law

Education

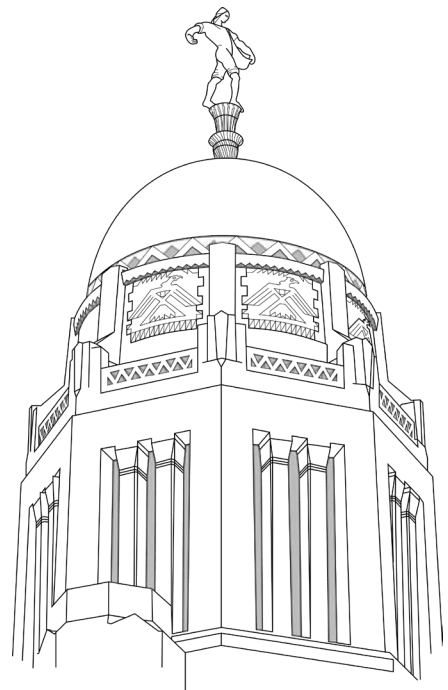
Room 1525 - 1:30 p.m.

Appointment: Connie Edmond - Board of Trustees of the Neb. State Colleges
Appointment: Robert Engles - Board of Trustees of the Neb. State Colleges

Tuesday, Jan. 28

Banking, Commerce & Insurance Room 1507 - 1:30 p.m.

LB231 (Hallstrom) Adopt the Uniform Special Deposits Act
 LB251 (Jacobson) Adopt changes to federal law regarding banking and finance and change provisions regarding loan limits, branch banking, failing financial institutions, credit unions, surety bonds, and interest rates for damages payable to irrigation districts
 LB250 (Jacobson) Change provisions relating to the composition of the board of directors of a bank ■



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 the day after the governor signs it or the Legislature overrides the governor’s veto.

Engrossment - the process of preparing a bill for Final Read-

ing 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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Gov. Jim Pillen greets senators as he is escorted from the George W. Norris Legislative Chamber after delivering his State of the State address Jan. 15.