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UPDATE



North Platte Sen. Tom Hansen (left) submits a new bill Jan. 7 to be read into the record.

Legislative session convenes

Senators returned to the State Capitol Jan. 6 to begin the second session of the 101st Nebraska Legislature.

Budget constraints and the state's struggling economy are expected to dominate this year's session, which follows a budget-cutting special session held in November. During the special session, lawmakers closed a \$336 million projected shortfall in the state's two-year budget.

Among the issues senators likely will consider this session are wind energy, a ban on texting while driving and tightening restrictions on drunk

driving and child pornography.

Lawmakers also may consider issues that were on the agenda in 2009, including a proposal to repeal the death penalty.

However, many bills that were held on final reading last year because of their fiscal impact will not encounter a more favorable economic climate this year. Among those proposals are a state income tax credit for long-term care insurance and creation of a neighborhood development grant program.

New bills will be introduced for the first 10 legislative days, or until Jan. 21. Senators will begin general file and

select file consideration of bills carried over from 2009 on Jan. 11.

Live coverage of the legislative session is provided at www.NebraskaLegislature.gov, where citizens also may find information on bills, the legislative calendar and Nebraska state senators.

Gov. Dave Heineman's State of the State address is scheduled for Jan. 14, and committee hearings are scheduled to begin on Jan. 19 and continue through the end of February.

The session will last 60 legislative days and is tentatively scheduled to adjourn April 14. ■

2010 COMMITTEES

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Chairperson: Sen. Tom Carlson

Members: Sens. Council, Dierks, Dubas, Karpisek, Price, Schilz and Wallman

Meets: Tuesdays — Room 2102



Sen. Tom Carlson

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Chairperson: Sen. Lavon Heidemann

Members: Sens. Conrad Fulton, Hansen, Harms, Mello, Nelson, Nordquist and Wightman

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Sen. Lavon Heidemann

Banking, Commerce and Insurance

Chairperson: Sen. Rich Pahls

Members: Sens. Christensen, Gloor, Langemeier, McCoy, Pankonin, Pirsch and Utter

Meets: Mondays and Tuesdays — Room 1507



Sen. Rich Pahls

Business and Labor

Chairperson: Sen. Steve Lathrop

Members: Sens. Carlson, Council, McGill, Schilz, Wallman and White

Meets: Mondays — Room 2102



Sen. Steve Lathrop

Education

Chairperson: Sen. Greg Adams

Members: Sens. Ashford, Avery, Cornett, Giese, Haar, Howard and Sullivan

Meets: Mondays and Tuesdays — Room 1525



Sen. Greg Adams

General Affairs

Chairperson: Sen. Russ Karpisek

Members: Sens. Coash, Cook, Dierks, Dubas, Krist, Price and Rogert

Meets: Mondays — Room 1510



Sen. Russ Karpisek

Government, Military and Veterans Affairs

Chairperson: Sen. Bill Avery

Members: Sens. Giese, Janssen, Karpisek, Krist, Pahls, Price and Sullivan

Meets: Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays — Room 1507



Sen. Bill Avery

Health and Human Services

Chairperson: Sen. Tim Gay

Members: Sens. Campbell, Gloor, Howard, Pankonin, Stuthman and Wallman

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Sen. Tim Gay

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Chairperson: Sen. LeRoy Loudon

Members: Sens. Hansen, Gloor, Heidemann, Nordquist, and Wallman

Enrollment and Review

Chairperson: Sen. Jeremy Nordquist

Intergovernmental Cooperation

Chairperson: Sen. Charlie Janssen

Members: Sens. Hadley, Langemeier, McCoy, Price, Speaker Flood (nonvoting ex officio) and Lt. Gov. Sheehy (nonvoting ex officio)

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Chairperson: Sen. Brad Ashford

Members: Sens. Christensen, Coash, Council, Lathrop, Lautenbaugh, McGill and Rogert

Meets: Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays — Room 1113



Sen. Brad Ashford

Natural Resources

Chairperson: Sen. Chris Langemeier

Members: Sens. Carlson, Cook, Dubas, Fischer, Haar, McCoy and Schilz

Meets: Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays — Room 1525



Sen. Chris Langemeier

Nebraska Retirement Systems

Chairperson: Sen. Dave Pankonin

Members: Sens. Heidemann, Karpisek, Louden, Mello and Nordquist

Meets: At the call of the chairperson — Room 1525



Sen. Dave Pankonin

Revenue

Chairperson: Sen. Abbie Cornett

Members: Sens. Adams, Dierks, Hadley, Louden, Pirsch, Utter and White

Meets: Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays — Room 1524



Sen. Abbie Cornett

Transportation and Telecommunications

Chairperson: Sen. Deb Fischer

Members: Sens. Campbell, Gay, Hadley, Janssen, Lautenbaugh, Louden and Stuthman

Meets: Mondays and Tuesdays — Room 1113



Sen. Deb Fischer

Urban Affairs

Chairperson: Sen. Amanda McGill

Members: Sens. Coash, Cook, Krist, Lathrop, Rogert and White

Meets: Tuesdays — Room 1510



Sen. Amanda McGill

Executive Board (Reference)

Chairperson: Sen. John Wightman

Members: Sens. Nelson (vice chairperson), Christensen, Fischer, Flood, Karpisek, Langemeier, Pahls, White and Heidemann (nonvoting ex officio)



Sen. John Wightman

Committee on Committees

Chairperson: Sen. Tom Hansen

Members: Sens. Adams, Ashford, Conrad, Cornett, Dierks (vice chairperson), Fischer, Flood, Lathrop, Louden, Pankonin, Stuthman and White



Sen. Tom Hansen

Legislature's Planning Committee

Chairperson: Sen. John Harms

Members: Sens. Adams, Gloor, McCoy, Mello, and Sullivan

Legislative Performance Audit

Chairperson: Sen. John Harms

Members: Sens. Conrad, Flood, Heidemann, Stuthman, Wightman, and Utter

Rules

Chairperson: Sen. Scott Lautenbaugh

Members: Sens. Dubas, Lathrop, Rogert, Utter and Speaker Flood (ex officio)

State Tribal Relations

Chairperson: Sen. Cap Dierks

Members: Sens. Coash, Cook, Dubas, Giese, Nordquist, Rogert

NEW BILLS.....

Jan. 6, 2010

Bill	Introducer	One-line description
LB682	Executive Board	Revisor bill to repeal section governing the Department of Natural Resources Interstate Water Rights Cash Fund that terminated June 30, 2003
LB683	Executive Board	Revisor bill to repeal section stating legislative intent for fiscal year 2006-07
LB684	Executive Board	Revisor bill to repeal sections that terminated in 2000 governing the Contribution Distributive Fund and the Social Security Cash Fund
LB685	Wightman	Change membership provisions relating to the Executive Board of the Legislative Council
LB686	Wightman	Change fees received by clerks and registers of deeds
LB687	Wightman	Change amounts of homestead allowance, exempt property, and family allowance for decedents' estates
LB688	Wightman	Change and provide provisions for abandoned vehicles
LB689	Langemeier	Change Water Resources Cash Fund, Ethanol Production Incentive Cash Fund, and ethanol excise tax provisions
LB690	Langemeier	Change deadline provisions relating to trade name publication filings
LB691	Langemeier	Provide for issuance of cease and desist orders under the Nebraska Real Estate License Act
LB692	Price	Change a duty of county assessors relating to real property valuation
LB693	Price	Provide authorization for foreign insurers to offer health insurance in Nebraska
LB694	Price	Provide restrictions for sexual predators and penalties
LB695	Price	Change the jurisdictional amount of the Small Claims Court
LB696	Pahls	Change provisions relating to disposal fees under the Integrated Solid Waste Management Act
LB697	Pahls	Prohibit use of wireless devices by school bus drivers
LB698	Louden	Eliminate certain insurance premium tax provisions
LB699	McCoy	Require information obtained pursuant to certain arrests be forwarded to federal immigration authorities
LB700	McCoy	Require certain construction and remodeling work to be supervised as prescribed in order to obtain a building permit
LB701	Hadley	Change distribution of ICF/MR Reimbursement Protection Fund
LB702	Gloor	Change provisions relating to a patient's access to medical records
LB703	Wightman	Change provisions relating to powers of attorney
LB704	Haar	Change a renewable energy tax credit
LB705	Haar	Remove a limitation on issuance of disabled veterans license plates
LB706	Haar	Provide fees for competency assessments of hearing interpreters
LB707	Haar	Change provisions and penalties relating to unlawful intrusion
LB708	Stuthman	Change certain date provisions relating to property tax exemptions
LB709	White	Adopt the Small Business Regulatory Flexibility Act
LB710	Dierks	Prohibit performance of chiropractic adjustments as prescribed
LB711	Dierks	Change interlocal agreement provisions relating to unified school systems
LB712	Rogert	Change the Disposition of Personal Property Landlord and Tenant Act
LB713	Gloor	Change provisions relating to school health inspections
LB714	Avery	Change requirements for disclaimers on political material
LB715	Avery	Authorize projects in a specific portion of the Nebraska State Capitol Environs District
LB716	Avery	Change eligibility requirements for members of a community college board of governors
LB717	Avery	Require placement of conflict-of-interest statements in the Legislative Journal
LB718	Avery	Change requirements for petitions and petition signatures
LB719	Avery	Change provisions relating to use of a rotating or flashing amber light on a motor vehicle
LB720	Avery	Provide requirements and restrictions for customer loyalty or incentive programs
LB721	Avery	Change qualification requirements for the State Building Administrator
LB722	Avery	Change provisions relating to a state bonding requirement, sale of state real property, and state-owned motor vehicles
LB723	Fischer	Change surcharge remittance requirements for telephone companies
LB724	Coash	Change provisions relating to use of tax proceeds for tourism promotion
LB725	Fischer	Define fertilizer and agricultural chemical application and distribution equipment and change applicability of certain federal motor carrier rules
LB726	Karpisek	Provide requirements for staff training under the Alzheimer's Special Care Disclosure Act

NEW BILLS.....

LB727	Coash	Change compensation for retired judges serving temporary duty
LB728	Lautenbaugh	Adopt the Exploited Children's Civil Remedy Act and redefine a term with respect to pleas
LB729	Lautenbaugh	Repeal the Conveyance Safety Act
LB730	Lautenbaugh	Change provisions relating to charging orders and interests in limited liability companies
LB731	Utter	Change provisions relating to noxious weed control funds
LB732	Utter	Change provisions relating to certain forced sales of real property
LB733	Gay	Provide a sales tax exemption for local public health departments and provide for applicability of the Political Subdivisions Tort Claims Act to such departments
LB734	Gay	Change provisions relating to utility shut off notification
LB735	Gay	Adopt the Kelsey Smith Act to require wireless carriers to provide call location information in certain emergency situations
LB736	Pirsch	Provide for liens for assessments and fines by homeowners' associations
LB737	Karpisek	Provide an exemption from the State Personnel System
LB738	McCoy	Change provisions relating to the substitution of trustee under the Nebraska Trust Deeds Act
LB739	Fischer	Eliminate provisions relating to driver training schools
LB740	Agriculture Committee	Eliminate transfer provisions from certain agricultural funds
LB741	Avery	Exclude lobbying expenses as a general fund operating expenditure for purposes of the Tax Equity and Educational Opportunities Support Act
LB742	McCoy	Provide requirements for settlement agreements involving public entities and provide that such agreements are public records
LB743	Fischer	Authorize conveyance of certain real property by the Game and Parks Commission
LB744	Giese	Provide for adoption of the National Electrical Code by the State Electrical Board
LB745	Avery	Redefine a term for purposes of the Nebraska Scholarship Act
LB746	Giese	Change provisions relating to racial profiling
LB747	Louden	Permit killing mountain lions and other predatory animals
LB748	Louden	Change exemption provisions relating to food establishments
LB749	Louden	Designate certain roads as state recreation roads
LB750	Adams	Provide for gifts of real property to the Board of Educational Lands and Funds
LB751	Pahls	Change provisions relating to the effect of errors and omissions in financing statements
LB752	Pahls	Change provisions relating to securities pledged by trust companies
LB753	Christensen	Change qualifications for the Superintendent of Law Enforcement and Public Safety
LB754	Giese	Adopt the Blind Persons Literacy Rights and Education Act
LB755	Dierks	Provide requirements and fees for certain oil or natural gas companies
LB756	Wightman	Adopt the Nebraska Uniform Real Property Transfer on Death Act
LB757	Wightman	Provide for nonprobate transfer on death motor vehicle certificates of title
LB758	Wightman	Change provisions relating to doctrines of cy pres and deviation and powers of personal representatives
LB759	Wightman	Provide for the dissolution, winding up, and liquidation of certain professional corporations
LB760	Wightman	Change provisions relating to total return trusts
LB761	Fischer	Change employment driving permit provisions
LB762	Pahls	Change provisions relating to the unauthorized use of the word bank
LB763	Mello	Adopt the Successor Asbestos-Related Liability Act
LB764	Fischer	Change provisions relating to integrated management plans under the Nebraska Ground Water Management and Protection Act
LB765	Fulton	Change criminal laws relating to gambling
LR271CA	Nelson	Constitutional amendment to permit exemption of increased value resulting from home improvements
LR273	Howard	Urge the United States in its relations with the Turkish government to encourage the Turkish government to take certain actions

Jan. 7, 2010

Bill	Introducer	One-line description
LB766	Gloor	Repeal the termination date for the Nebraska Center for Nursing Act
LB767	Price	Change county ordinance provisions to provide for notice to be given for abandoned motor vehicles

NEW BILLS.....

LB768	Stuthman	Provide for the termination of township boards as prescribed
LB769	Stuthman	Provide for immunity from liability for county clerks regarding incorrect or false marriage license application information
LB770	Flood	Change provisions relating to the distribution of the session laws and journal of the Legislature
LB771	Flood	Change certain provisions relating to assault, criminal attempt, weapons, arrests, bail, custody, discovery, and juveniles
LB772	Coash	Change and provide penalties for driving on a revoked license as prescribed
LB773	Wightman	Exempt manure-spreading implements from titling and registration requirements and weight and load restrictions
LB774	Haar	Change provisions relating to sales tax treatment of net metering
LB775	Stuthman	Authorize transportation development districts and a local sales tax
LB776	Hansen	State findings and intent relating to respite care appropriations
LB777	McCoy	Change provisions relating to presidential electors
LB778	Coash	Adopt the Umbilical Cord Blood Information Act
LB779	Lathrop	Change the Convention Center Facility Financing Assistance Act and the Local Civic, Cultural, and Convention Center Financing Act
LB780	Lathrop	Change Nebraska Workers' Compensation Act provisions relating to personal injuries
LB781	Lathrop	Change provisions relating to urban growth districts
LB782	Fischer	Change provisions relating to the issuance of distinctive license plates for governmental units
LB783	Karpisek	Change restrictions on sales of alcohol near a college or university
LB784	Louden	Change admission provisions relating to law enforcement training
LB785	Carlson	Provide an exception to required approval for certain water transfers
LB786	Karpisek	Eliminate the prohibition on adding alcohol to beer
LB787	Fischer	Provide for an additional member to serve on the Nebraska Information Technology Commission
LB788	Karpisek	Change provisions relating to managers under the Nebraska Liquor Control Act
LB789	Ashford	Change grant limits under the Local Civic, Cultural, and Convention Center Financing Act
LB790	Nordquist	Require a report relating to employed recipients of benefits under the medical assistance program
LB791	Pirsch	Provide for the electronic filing of certain documents with the Secretary of State
LB792	Coash	Change controlled substances schedules
LB793	Dubas	Prohibit cash fund transfers without authorization
LR276CA	Pirsch	Constitutional amendment to permit exemption from taxation of real property, the use of which is donated to the state or a governmental subdivision

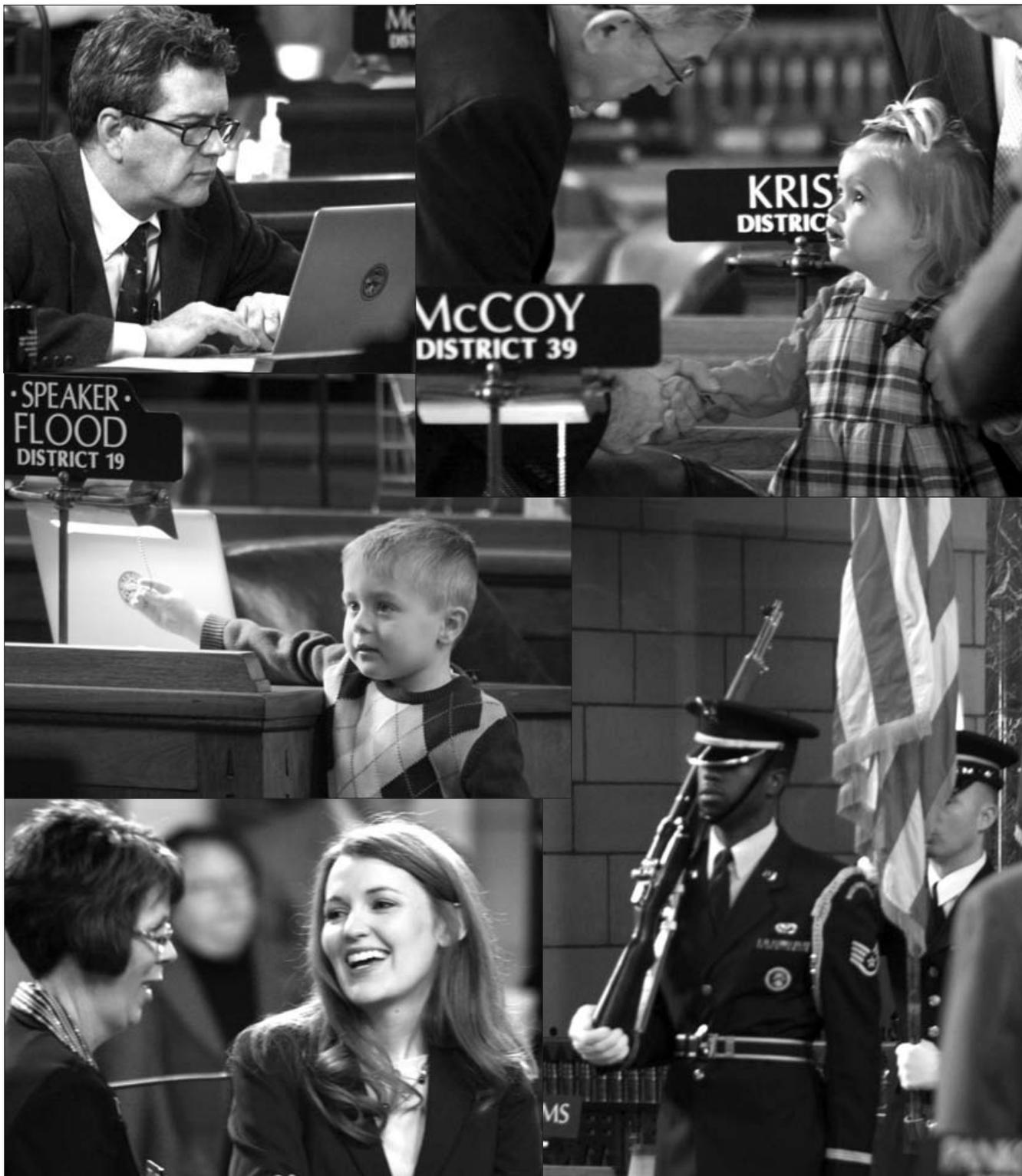
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Bill	Introducer	One-line description
LB794	White	Change early voting provisions
LB795	Council	Authorize employment of law enforcement officers by natural resources districts as prescribed
LB796	Stuthman	Impose a fuel tax for use to complete the state expressway system
LB797	Langemeier	Change duties of the Nebraska Power Review Board
LB798	Langemeier	Extend the termination date of the Nebraska Litter Reduction and Recycling Act
LB799	Krist	Change state and local building code provisions
LB800	Ashford	To provide methods of early intervention for children at risk
LB801	Fulton	Change the Uniform Deceptive Trade Practices Act
LB802	Coash	Change revenue and taxation provisions to redefine contractor or repairperson and gross receipts to exclude sod as prescribed
LB803	Nordquist	Exclude licensed physical therapists from the Chiropractic Practice Act
LB804	Flood	Provide an exemption from the documentary stamp tax
LB805	Transportation & Telecomm. Committee	Adopt by reference updates to the International Registration Plan and certain federal laws and regulations governing motor vehicles
LB806	Campbell	Change provisions relating to agricultural land valuation
LB807	McCoy	Require automobile liability policies to be issued for a minimum term

NEW BILLS.....

LB808	Transportation & Telecomm. Committee	Change commercial motor vehicle and commercial driver's license provisions
LB809	Rogert	Change statute of limitations for fraud involving certain assistance programs
LB810	Rogert	Change provisions relating to undercover license plates and drivers' licenses
LB811	Transportation & Telecomm. Committee	Change appeal procedures relating to the Public Service Commission
LB812	Karpisek	Change notice and hearing requirements for complaints under the Uniform Credentialing Act
LB813	Gloor	Prohibit prepaid dental service plans from limiting fees for certain services
LB814	Gloor	Change provisions relating to transactions exempt from securities registration
LB815	Haar	Change requirements for political subdivision budget statements and financial information on the state web site
LB816	Fischer	Change motor vehicle industry regulation provisions
LB817	Rogert	Exempt concealed handgun permit holders from certificate to purchase a handgun requirements
LB818	Sullivan	Change the Real Property Appraiser Act
LB819	Transportation & Telecomm. Committee	Change traffic control signal and speed limit provisions
LB820	Janssen	Provide an exception from width, height, length, weight, and load restrictions for certain emergency vehicles
LB821	Fischer	Change provisions relating to road priorities
LB822	Janssen	Change provisions relating to construction liens
LB823	Janssen	Provide for appointment of county assessors
LB824	Fischer	Change provisions relating to master jury lists
LB825	Karpisek	Provide for parimutuel wagering on horseraces at satellite wagering facilities
LB826	Pahls	Adopt the County Consolidation Act
LB827	Howard	Provide requirements for prescription training for renewal of certain health practitioner licenses
LB828	Gloor	Change requirements for medical radiographers and limited radiographers
LB829	Rogert	Change certain notice requirements under the Nebraska Workers' Compensation Act
LB830	Coash	Limit small tourism business liability and encourage liability insurance
LB831	Utter	Change Motor Vehicle Operator's License Act provisions relating to school permits
LB832	Fischer	Eliminate a private insurance requirement relating to petroleum release remedial action
LB833	Fulton	Provide for confidentiality of Nebraska Workers' Compensation Court records
LB834	Howard	Change provisions and penalties relating to liquor licenses
LB835	Howard	Change reporting provisions of the Nebraska Hospital-Medical Liability Act
LB836	Lautenbaugh	Change deer hunting provisions, provide for mandatory deer depredation seasons, and provide a tax credit for allowing deer hunting
LB837	Lautenbaugh	Provide for entry of default orders by the Tax Equalization and Review Commission
LB838	Lautenbaugh	Require certain provisions in highway and bridge contracts and require contractor-identifying signage
LB839	Lautenbaugh	Eliminate a period of invalidity of rules and regulations as prescribed
LB840	Lautenbaugh	Change provisions relating to criminal attempt
LB841	Lautenbaugh	Amend the Motor Vehicle Operator's License Act to allow release of digital images or signatures to local law enforcement
LB842	Lautenbaugh	Change procedures in cases of death during apprehension by law enforcement officers or while in custody
LB843	Lautenbaugh	Change provisions relating to arson
LB844	Lautenbaugh	Change provisions relating to Nebraska Law Enforcement Training Center tuition, fees, and expenses
LB845	Howard	Require energy conservation by state agencies
LB846	Schilz	Change interest rate provisions for certain Nebraska Workers' Compensation Court awards
LR277CA	Karpisek	Constitutional amendment to allow for parimutuel wagering on horseraces at a satellite wagering facility
LR278CA	Nordquist	Constitutional amendment to set certain salaries in the Constitution

OPENING DAY.2010.



Family and friends joined senators for the opening day of the 2010 legislative session. Pictured clockwise from the top left are: Sen. Tom White; Sen. Dennis Utter greets the daughter of Sen. Beau McCoy; presentation of colors; Sens. Annette Dubas (left) and Amanda McGill share a laugh; Sen. Mike Flood's son watches the proceedings.

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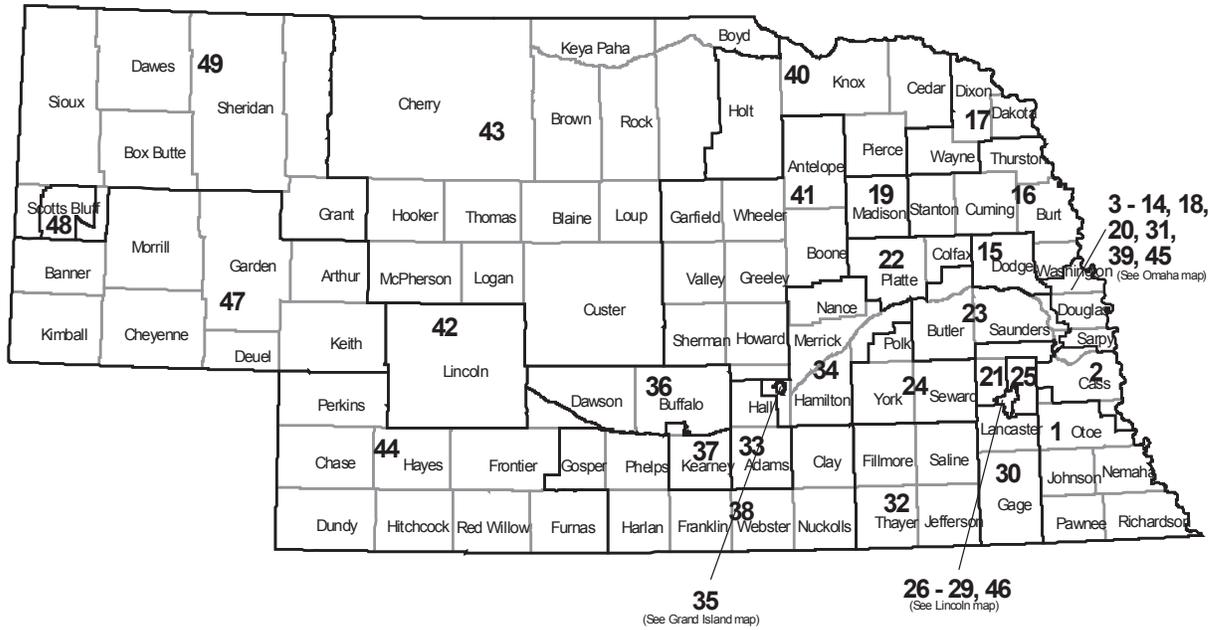
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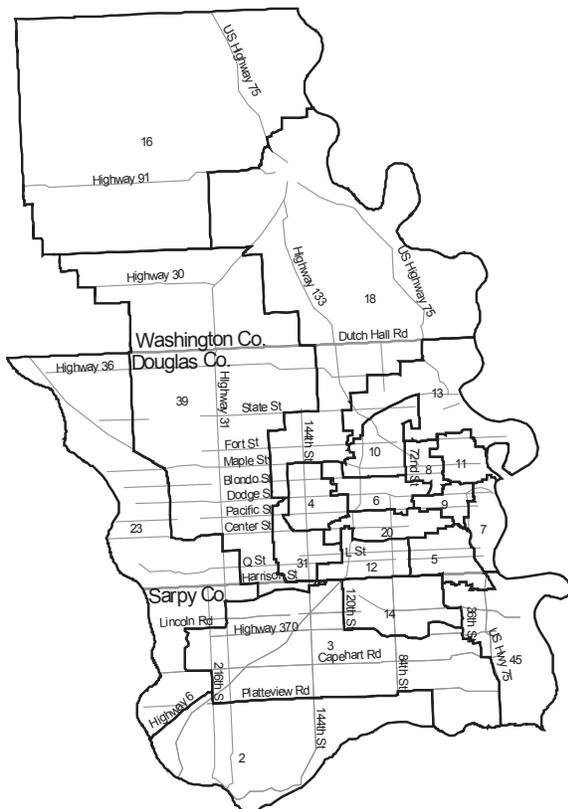
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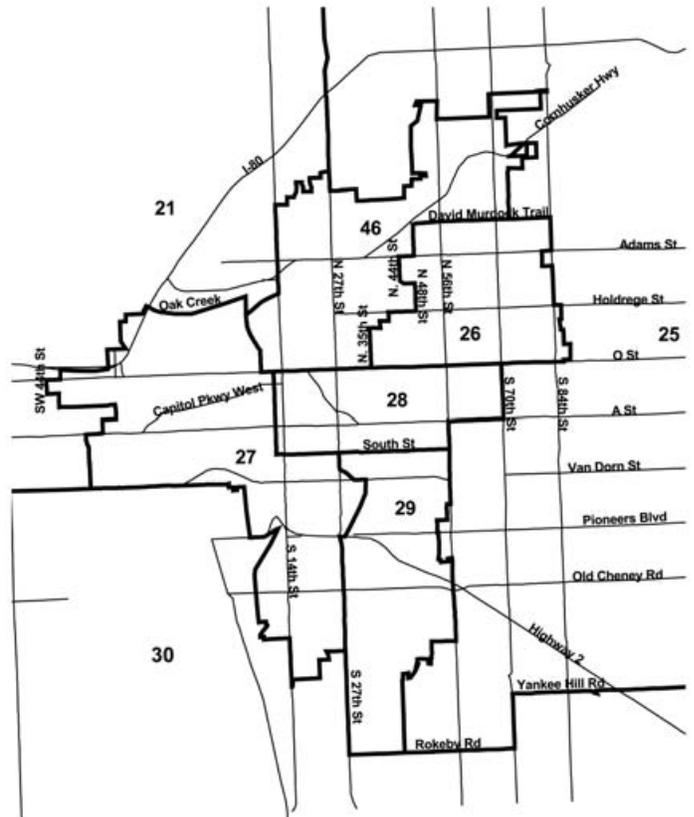
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