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UPDATE

New session brings new faces, leaders

The 100th Legislature convened at 10:00 a.m. Jan. 3 with a sense of anticipation—from new senators not knowing what to expect of the session, and from others wondering what to expect of them.

The first session in this new term-limited environment has caused skepticism for some, trepidation for others. But many returning senators expressed their gratitude that the new group brought talent, intelligence and commitment to the legislative process.

“Some look at this body and doubt what we can accomplish,” said Sen. Mike Flood of Norfolk, who was elected speaker of the Legislature. “They see inexperience. I see it differently.”

He predicted that the new group of 22 senators—almost half of the legislative body—would bring innovation and new solutions to the state’s problems.

The same could be said of the lawmakers’ perspective on the speaker’s race. Flood, who is 31 and began serving as a state senator in 2004, won the position over Lincoln Sen. DiAnna Schimek, a veteran senator who has served under six different speakers since 1989.

In her address to the Legislature, Schimek said her years at the Legislature provide some expertise that would be useful in the role of speaker.

“Term limits are here, yes, but



Sens. Tom Carlson and Dave Pankonin raise their right hands as they take their oath of office. Twenty-two new senators were sworn in on Jan. 3.

let’s not fail to take advantage of those with experience who are here to serve,” she said.

Had Schimek been elected, she would have been the Legislature’s first woman to serve as speaker. Flood ultimately won on a 28-21 vote.

“The Legislature is at a crossroads that requires strong leadership and direction,” Flood said. He pledged to keep the Legislature a strong and fair institution with a spirit of cooperation that can bring differing interests together to find new solutions.

Sen. Pat Engel of South Sioux City

will continue to lead the Legislature’s Executive Board.

Bellevue Sen. Don Preister was elected as the board’s vice chairperson over Sen. Carroll Burling of Kenesaw, 29-20.

The race for chairperson of the Appropriations Committee was a close one, with Elk Creek Sen. Lavon Heidemann beating Omaha Sen. Lowen Kruse by only three votes.

Heidemann, who came to the Legislature in 2004, has served on the committee for the past two years.

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Historic Session Underway

The first session of the 100th Nebraska Legislature convened Jan. 3.

Session-numbering changes in Nebraska's recent history are the key to understanding this numerical milestone.

Currently, a Legislature consists of a two-year period, or biennium, which is assigned an individual and consecutive number.

This designated number, now 100, covers both annual sessions and any special sessions called during the biennium.

Prior to 1970, however, numbers were assigned to each individual session, including special sessions.

Although the Legislature only met every other year in the early days of Nebraska statehood, special sessions were frequent and often resulted in more than one session convening in a given year.

Today, the first session of each biennium convenes in odd-numbered years and meets for 90 legislative days. This provision allows more time to pass the state's two-year budget.

The second session convenes in even-numbered years and meets for 60 legislative days.



The first day of the 100th Legislature began with a presentation of the colors.



Above: Nine-year-old Kathryn Gay, the daughter of Sen. Tim Gay, examines her father's laptop. The George W. Norris Chamber was filled with legislators' family and friends on Jan. 3.

Below: Newly elected state senators are sworn into office.



Sen. Tony Fulton of Lincoln holds his children Bede, 5, and Bernadette, 3.





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STATE CAPITOL SNAPSHOT



Capitol halls were filled with furniture, boxes and other office items as senators moved into their new offices. New contact information for senators' offices can be found on pages 3-6.

A CLOSER LOOK.....

Senators elect Flood as new speaker

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As chairperson, he said he would “find out the why’s, the why-not’s and the how-to’s” that will help the committee most effectively serve the Legislature.

Ellsworth Sen. LeRoy Loudon was elected to lead the Natural Resources Committee. He bested Schuyler Sen. Chris Langemeier on a close 26-23 vote.

Loudon predicted that water policy will continue to demand the committee’s attention this session, as the issue has “enormous consequences” for the state. He said his experience with the state’s natural resources districts and as a rancher for 50 years will make him useful to the committee as it works to deal with water issues.

Legislators voted 30-19 to make Nickerson Sen. Ray Janssen chairperson of the Revenue Committee. He defeated Sen. Mick Mines of Blair.

Janssen is a six-year member of the Revenue Committee and formerly chaired the Retirement Systems and General Affairs committees.

Sen. Deb Fischer of Valentine beat Platte Center Sen. Arnie Stuthman 27-22 in a race to lead the Transportation and Telecommunications Committee.

“I grew up talking about roads around our kitchen table,” said Fischer, whose father was the director of the state Department of Roads during the Orr and Nelson administrations.

She said the committee’s issues are directly tied to economic development in all areas of the state, calling it “a committee of the future,



Sen. Mike Flood takes his oath of office for speaker of the Legislature. Flood defeated Sen. DiAnna Schimek on 28-21 vote.

because it deals with the issues that are vital to this state in the years to come.”

Lincoln Sen. Ron Raikes, who ran uncontested to chair the Education Committee again this session, said the Legislature has had to make some

unpopular decisions. Some have not yet been resolved, and there is still work to be done, he said.

“The good news is that an appraisal of the new members this session suggests that this and future legislatures will be in very good

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hands,” he said.

Omaha Sen. Brad Ashford, who formerly served as a state senator from 1987 to 1995, said that being a lawyer and a former legislator would enable him to lead the Judiciary Committee. Those years as a legislator provided experience that is important in a term-limited era, he said.

“They were the most valuable lessons that I have ever learned,” said Ashford.

Sen. Lowen Kruse of Omaha was elected chairperson of the Intergovernmental Cooperation Committee over Tekamah Sen. Kent Rogert on a 30-19 vote.

Chief Justice Mike Heavican, himself a new addition to the state Supreme Court, swore in the 22 new senators. Each took an oath to support the state constitution and carry out their new legislative duties during this historic session.



Newly-elected Sen. Brad Ashford was elected chair of the Judiciary Committee. Ashford served as a state senator from 1987-95.

Legislative Leadership Positions

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Executive Board Chairperson:

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Executive Board Vice Chairperson:

Sen. Don Preister of Bellevue

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Sen. Dwite Pedersen of Elkhorn

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Sen. Abbie Cornett of Bellevue

Education Committee: Sen. Ron Raikes of Lincoln

General Affairs Committee:

Sen. Vickie McDonald of St. Paul

Government, Military & Veterans Affairs Committee:

Sen. Ray Aguilar of Grand Island

Health and Human Services Committee:

Sen. Joel Johnson of Kearney

Judiciary Committee: Sen. Brad Ashford of Omaha

Natural Resources Committee:

Sen. LeRoy Loudon of Ellsworth

Nebraska Retirement Systems:

Sen. John Synowiecki of Omaha

Revenue Committee: Sen. Ray Janssen of Nickerson

Transportation & Telecommunications Committee:

Sen. Deb Fischer of Valentine

Urban Affairs: Sen. Mike Friend of Omaha

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Rules Committee: Sen. Carol Hudkins of Malcolm

Enrollment & Review Committee:

Sen. Amanda McGill of Lincoln

A CLOSER LOOK.....

Heineman, constitutional officers take oath

Lawmakers, family and interested onlookers gathered in the Norris Legislative Chamber Jan. 4 for the inauguration of Nebraska's governor and other constitutionally-elected officials.

In his inaugural address, Gov. David Heineman called serving the people of Nebraska an awesome responsibility.

"A remarkable trust has been placed in our hands," he said.

Nebraska is at a crossroads, he said, with limited resources and the need to expand opportunities.

"The days when state government could provide funding for every project have passed," Heineman said.

Policy priorities cited by the governor included reduced spending, tax reform, education and economic development.

He called on business leaders, employees, educators and parents to come together to address the economic issues that cause young people to leave Nebraska.

"The need to create a 21st Century business climate is

a call to action for every Nebraskan," Heineman said.

The governor is scheduled to deliver his State of the State address to lawmakers on Jan. 11.

Supreme Court Chief Justice Mike Heavican administered the oath of office to 18 officials. They were as follows:

Lt. Governor – Rick Sheehy

Nebraska Supreme Court – Michael McCormick, Kenneth C. Stephan

Secretary of State – John Gale

State Treasurer – Shane Osborn

Auditor of Public Accounts – Mike Foley

Attorney General – Jon Bruning

Public Service Commission – Tim Schram

State Board of Education – Joseph Higgins, Kandy Imes, Fred Meyer, Patricia Timm

University of Nebraska Board of Regents – Randy Ferlic, Chuck Hassebrook, Jim McClurg, Bob Phares, Bob Whitehouse



Gov. David Heineman is sworn in by Supreme Court Chief Justice Mike Heavican Jan. 4.

MEET THE SENATORS

From school to Capitol, Adams makes the grade

For 31 years, Greg Adams stood before York High School classrooms full of young people teaching them the ins and outs of American government and economics.

But Adams wasn't just teaching from a book; he had real life experiences in government to draw upon.

He first ran for public office in 1986 and became a member of the York City Council. Later he became mayor.

"I thought I ought to practice what I teach," he said of his political involvement.

Adams grew up in York and has a master's degree in education from Wayne State College.

"It was just my nature to want to communicate ideas and help people understand things," he said.

Looking back over his many years as a high school teacher, Adams said he wouldn't change a thing about his career.

"Teaching is an honored profession," he said. "I feel like I've had a positive impact on many people."

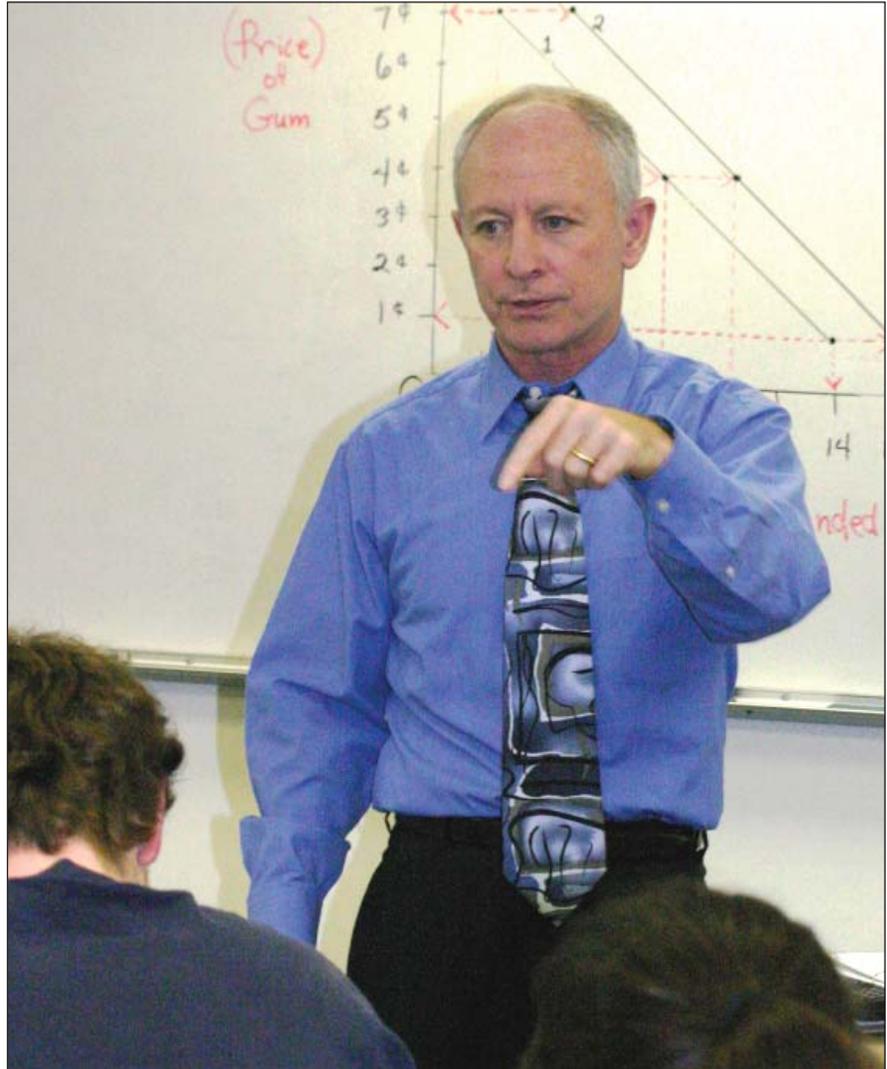
Seeing that impact is what kept Adams teaching for so long.

"Wherever I go I bump into a former student," he said. "That's been one of the great parts about teaching."

After being elected to the Legislature, Adams retired from teaching. However, he doesn't really look at it that way.

"I'm not convinced that I'm really leaving teaching," he said.

Explaining ideas, listening to debate and educating himself and others on important issues are



Before being elected to the Legislature, Greg Adams taught American government and economics at York High School. His teaching career spanned 31 years.

all skills that Adams said overlap between teaching and being a state senator. He said he is looking forward to using the lessons he's learned as a teacher in his new role in the Legislature.

"I've always thought it's very respectable to want to help people," he said.

In his spare time, Adams and

his wife, Julie, enjoy spending time with their family. Adams has three children and two grandchildren.

He also enjoys fishing, hunting and painting with watercolors. When things get busy or stressful at the Legislature, Adams will likely go for a run to regain focus.

"It's a great stress release and it keeps you healthy," he said.

NEW BILLS.....

Jan. 4, 2007

Document Number	Primary Introducer	Description
LB1	Executive Board: Engel, 17, Chairperson	Revisor bill to delete unconstitutional language relating to picketing
LB2	Executive Board: Engel, 17, Chairperson	Revisor bill to delete obsolete statutes relating to appropriations
LB3	Pahls, Rich - 31	Provide a sales tax holiday for school-related purchases
LB4	Pahls, 31	Provide income tax credits and adjustments relating to long-term care insurance
LB5	Pahls, 31	Change provisions relating to the state's employee suggestion system
LB6	Pahls, 31	Adopt the Nebraska Safe Haven Act
LB7	Preister, 5	Change the rights of the public regarding agenda items under the Open Meetings Act
LB8	Preister, 5	Increase penalty for accumulation of junk
LB9	Preister, 5	Provide an income tax credit for energy conservation and renewable energy generation
LB10	Mines, 18	Terminate estate and generation-skipping taxes
LB11	Mines, 18	Change provisions relating to annexation by cities of the first class
LB12	Mines, 18	Change the Commercial Dog and Cat Operator Inspection Act
LB13	Mines, 18	Provide for the creation and certification of joint entities under the Interlocal Cooperation Act
LB14	Mines, 18	Provide for one license plate and one In Transit decal per vehicle
LB15	Mines, 18	Include parks as a prohibited area for controlled substances
LB16	Mines, 18	Change provisions related to airport hazards and airport zoning regulations
LB17	Mines, 18	Change provisions relating to multiple office holding
LB18	Mines, 18	Change recall provisions
LB19	Mines, 18	Authorize disposition of an abandoned mobile home as personal property
LB20	Mines, 18	Change provisions related to public recreational access to water projects
LB21	Raikes, Ron, 25	Change school finance provisions relating to the cost growth factor
LB22	Wightman, 36	Change inheritance tax calculations
LB23	Wightman, 36	Exclude a portion of capital gains from income tax
LB24	Pahls, 31	Change provisions relating to a reciprocal certificate as a certified public accountant
LB25	Langemeier, 23	Change rabies control provisions to include hybrid animals
LB26	Langemeier, 23	Redefine real estate broker under the Nebraska Real Estate License Act
LB27	Adams, 24	Authorize the Auditor of Public Accounts to conduct certain audits
LB28	Adams, 24	Change provisions relating to conveyance of personal property by cities of the second class and villages
LB29	Friend, 10	Provide for court orders to direct financially able parents to pay for costs of care for wards of the state
LB30	Hudkins, 21	Provide for reorganization of certain Class I and Class VI school districts
LB31	Nantkes, 46	Change minimum wage and training wage provisions
LB32	Nantkes, 46	Exempt college textbooks from sales tax
LB33	Fischer, 43	Appropriate funds to fund the County Property Tax Relief Program
LB34	Schimek, 27	Create the State-Tribal Relations Committee
LB35	Janssen, 15	Set maximum speed limit for non-Interstate freeways

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Document Number	Primary Introducer	Description
LB36	Hudkins, 21	Change the number of county court judges
LB37	Hudkins, 21	Change the number of district court judges
LB38	Hudkins, 21	Change the number of separate juvenile court judges
LB39	Schimek, 27	Provide restrictions relating to petition circulation and change campaign reporting provisions
LB40	Schimek, 27	Require an initiative and referendum petition circulator to wear an identification badge
LB41	Hudkins, 21	Change motor fuel tax rates and allocation of the revenue
LB42	Hudkins, 21	Change distribution of the cigarette tax
LB43	Heidemann, 1	Provide for mowing and hay-harvesting permits for right-of-ways of highways
LB44	Gay, 14	Change provisions relating to precinct lists of registered voters and sign-in registers
LB45	Gay, 14	Change provisions relating to district court fees
LB46	Hudkins, 21	Require payments by grape producers
LB47	Hudkins, 21	Create the offense of interference with child visitation
LB48	Dierks, 40	Exempt certified registered nurse anesthetists from certain radiation-use qualifications
LB49	Hudkins, 21	Adopt the Mercury Vaccine and Drug Act
LB50	Hudkins, 21	Prohibit the state from seeking reimbursement from employees for use of vacation leave
LB51	Hudkins, 21	Include all cities and villages under the Nebraska Industrial Development Corporation Act
LB52	Howard, 9	Create a task force to examine the prescription and administration of certain drugs to children who are wards of the state
LB53	Howard, 9	Prohibit smoking in certain foster care homes
LB54	Howard, 9	Provide qualifications for certain child protection and safety workers
LB55	Howard, 9	Change provisions governing funding of home visitation, child, and parenting programs
LB56	Howard, 9	Appropriate funds for alcohol-related birth defects prevention programs
LR1CA	Preister, 5	Constitutional amendment to change legislative salaries
LR2CA	Rogert, 16	Constitutional amendment changing provisions related to substandard and blighted property
LR3CA	Friend, 10	Constitutional amendment to change from a unicameral legislature to a bicameral

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LB57	Preister, 5	Provide for fair share representation contributions for certain labor representation by labor organizations
LB58	Harms, 48	Increase the probationary period of community college staff
LB59	Engel, 17	Require education of motor vehicle dealers, agents, and salespersons as prescribed
LB60	Avery, 28	Provide a sales tax holiday for school-related purchases
LB61	Avery, 28	Prohibit certain gifts and contributions to candidates for or members of the Public Service Commission
LB62	Langemeier, 23	Authorize insurance producers to charge incidental fees
LB63	Schimek, 27	Change insurance coverage provisions relating to childhood immunizations
LB64	Schimek, 27	Eliminate a gaming fee and tax adopted by initiative
LB65	Stuthman, 22	Change the statute of repose for the Nebraska Hospital - Medical Liability Act
LB66	Stuthman, 22	Require school districts to develop driver safety courses
LB67	Stuthman, 22	Permit service of summons of proposed jurors by first-class mail
LB68	Hudkins, 21	Create the Office of Guardian ad Litem Services
LB69	Hudkins, 21	Change the Agricultural Opportunities and Value-Added Partnerships Act
LB70	Fischer, 43	Permit operation of ATV's within municipalities by municipal employees
LB71	Fischer, 43	Appropriate funds for a child advocacy center

NEW BILLS.....

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LB72	Fischer, 43	Prohibit beginning a school year before Labor Day
LB73	McGill, 26	Change school breakfast reimbursement provisions
LB74	Erdman, 47	Change the Nebraska Pure Food Act
LB75	Hudkins, 21	Provide powers and duties to the juvenile court regarding the placement and custody of juveniles
LB76	Hudkins, 21	Change provisions governing physical and legal custody arrangements of a minor child
LB77	Nantkes, 46	Change workers' compensation disability compensation provisions
LB78	Nantkes, 46	Change amounts recoverable under the Political Subdivisions Tort Claims Act
LB79	Natural Resources	Change provisions related to reporting under the Nebraska Litter Reduction and Recycling Act
LB80	Natural Resources	Authorize additional assistance for projects under the Safe Drinking Water Act
LB81	Schimek, 27	Create the offense of school trespass and prohibit certain activities of registered sex offenders
LB82	Synowiecki, 7	Change Welfare Reform Act provisions relating to family size
LB83	Synowiecki, 7	Provide for Board of Parole recommendations relating to incarceration work camps
LB84	Howard, 9	Regulate traffic approaching or passing an authorized emergency vehicle
LB85	Howard, 9	Create the Nebraska Health Insurance Policy Coalition
LB86	Howard, 9	Change provisions of the Health Care Facility Licensure Act covering applicants for licensure
LB87	Howard, 9	Require that all state service contracts be awarded and performed in the United States
LB88	Business and Labor	Provide for payment of claims against the state
LB89	Business and Labor	Disapprove certain claims against the state
LB90	Howard, 9	Change the earned income disregard in the Welfare Reform Act
LB91	Cornett, 45	Change boundary provisions relating to learning communities
LB92	Cornett, 45	Change provisions relating to foreign national minors
LB93	Cornett, 45	Authorize a new firefighter license plate and fund emergency training
LB94	Cornett, 45	Authorize municipalities to receive certain sales and use tax information
LB95	Flood, 19	Clarify reference to expense reimbursement for the Professional Practices Commission
LB96	Flood, 19	Redefine a term under the Nebraska Probation Administration Act
LB97	Flood, 19	Repeal terminated provisions relating to settlement escrow funds
LB98	Flood, 19	Eliminate references to a fund that terminated
LB99	Wightman, 36	Change provisions relating to the appointment of receivers by the district court
LB100	Erdman, 47	Provide duties to the Auditor of Public Accounts
LB101	Erdman, 47	Clarify that only one parent need sign the statement regarding private schools that elect not to meet accreditation or approval
LB102	Erdman, 47	Provide for notice of appointment of a personal representative under the Nebraska Probate Code
LB103	Erdman, 47	Authorize release of patient information and change provisions relating to regional trauma advisory boards

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LB104	Erdman, 47	Change age of majority from nineteen to eighteen
LB105	Louden, 49	Appropriate funds for the Nebraska Forest Service
LB106	Engel, 17	Change the tax on snuff
LB107	Pedersen, 39	Create a deputy public counsel for institutions and facilities operated by the Department of Health and Human Services
LR4CA	Avery, 28	Constitutional amendment to provide grounds for impeachment
LR5CA	Friend, 10	Constitutional amendment to authorize use of revenue bonds to develop property for use by nonprofit enterprises



New web site and e-mail addresses!

The Nebraska Legislature's web site address and e-mail addresses have changed.

The web site address is now NebraskaLegislature.gov, which is consistent with other Nebraska state agencies and state legislatures that are moving to the ".gov" address.

The name change will help citizens know they have reached an official govern-

ment agency, something the former ".us" name no longer ensures.

The name change coincided with a complete redesign of the web site.

The Nebraska Legislature also has changed its default e-mail address for senators with public e-mail to "name"@leg.ne.gov. The public is encouraged to update contact lists with this new information.

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*The Speaker reserves the right to reschedule the 90th day at a later date.

Legislative Recess Days

- January 15 - Martin Luther King
- February 9, 16
- February 19 - Presidents' Day
- March 7, 16, 23, 26
- April 6, 9, 20, 30
- April 27 - Arbor Day
- May 11, 14, 25
- May 28 - Memorial Day

Students artfully propose laws

To commemorate the 100th Nebraska Legislature, fourth- through sixth-grade students throughout the state were invited to submit artwork depicting a law they would propose if they were a state senator.

Selected entries will be published in each edition of this session's Unicameral Update and also will be posted on the civic learning page at nebraskalegislature.gov.

Entries that will be published were selected by Larry Starr, director of social science education at the state Department of Education, Karen Janovy, curator of education for the University of Nebraska-Lincoln's Sheldon Memorial Art Gallery and Heidi Uhing, civic learning coordinator for the Nebraska Legislature.

The top three entries will be published in the last three issues this session.

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