

## Governor talks of change, sacrifice in address

Calling 2007 “a year of new beginnings,” Gov. David Heineman delivered his State of the State address to lawmakers Jan. 11.

Heineman, who was elected to a full four-year term in November’s general election, sounded themes of economic development, education, tax cuts and fiscal restraint in his speech.

“Today, we embark on a journey that will reshape the future of Nebraska,” he said.

Saying Nebraska is at a crossroads, the governor said the state must be able to compete in the 21st Century economy and cannot afford to let young people leave the state for jobs.

“That is why I believe so strongly that education and Nebraska’s continued economic vitality go hand in hand,” Heineman said.

He cited the Nebraska Advantage Program, a program of tax incentives for businesses, as a successful part of this effort. According to the governor, 89 companies have located or expanded in Nebraska under the plan, providing \$3.5 billion of investment and approximately 9,000 new jobs. In addition, he said, Nebraska now has more ethanol production plants under construction than any other state.

But Heineman cautioned that changes in fiscal policy are needed. Reducing taxes and controlling government spending would encourage

further economic development, he said.

“By any standard Nebraska is a high tax state,” he said.

Heineman called for restructuring the state income tax system by making changes to income tax brackets and eliminating the “marriage penalty,” a consequence of the current tax system that results in some married filers collectively paying more in taxes than they would if they weren’t married.

His tax cut plan, which he estimated at \$475 million over the next

two years, also would completely eliminate the sales tax on construction projects and the estate tax for farmers and small business owners.

Heineman estimated that the proposal would reduce taxes by 19 percent for a family of four with an annual income of \$75,000.

The governor also laid out his biennial budget proposal with the goal of limiting spending growth to 3.8 percent over the next two years.

He said his office examined all state agency requests and developed

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Gov. David Heinemann delivered his State of the State address Jan. 11.

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# A CLOSER LOOK.....

## Governor delivers State of State

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a budget that is closer to actual spending.

He noted a proposed increase of \$171 million in state aid to education as part of \$2 billion in aid to local governments and schools aimed at property tax relief. However, he said that represents a tax shift, not a tax cut, and cautioned that local leaders must be encouraged to control spending.

The governor also highlighted proposed initiatives relating to water policy and child welfare.

Heineman proposed establishing a water resources cash fund with annual allocations of \$2.7 million in state funds and potential annual contributions of \$300,000 from the Environmental Trust Fund

and \$1 million from the federal government.

The funding would be used to pay for conservation programming.

"We cannot wait for a federal judge to decide our fate in the Republican River basin," he said.

In addition to the state and federal funds, the governor said he would propose using one-half cent from the current corn checkoff fee beginning in 2013 to help fund the conservation programs.

Regarding child welfare policy, Heineman proposed a restructuring of the existing state Health and Human Services System. The changes would include the creation of a Department of Children and Family Services, prioritization of improvements to the foster care

and child welfare systems, and the organization of the system and its proposed six department directors under a chief executive officer.

The governor concluded his presentation by asking Nebraskans to sacrifice for the state's future. Specifically, he asked businesses, educators and local officials to refrain from seeking funding for new programs.

"If we act now and are successful in moving Nebraska down the road to a more vibrant and dynamic economy, all segments of our state will grow," Heineman said. "We will need more teachers. We will have created a better climate for business owners and entrepreneurs and working families will find better jobs."



Gov. David Heineman received applause following his State of the State address with First Lady Sally Ganem (right) and senators looking on.

# MEET THE SENATORS

## Pankonin credits family, community

**D**ave Pankonin can't talk about himself without mentioning his love for his community and family.

"We're small town Nebraska people," Pankonin said.

Much of where he is now is a result of where he's come from, an origin that he references with fondness.

His great-grandfather settled in the Louisville area in the late 1800s and the family has been there ever since.

After establishing a farm equipment business in 1883, Pankonin's great-grandfather raised his family in Louisville, as did his children and their children after that.

Pankonin is now the owner and manager of the business and his son, Paul, is also involved, making it a family business for five generations.

Pankonin said he feels strong ties to the community his family has called home for generations.

"I enjoy the sense of deep-rootedness," he said. "You know people are committed to the community."

Pankonin is a graduate of the University of Nebraska-Lincoln College of Business and started a master's of business program at Northwestern University before returning to Louisville to take over the family business after his father passed away in 1975.

Politics have always been of interest to Pankonin. Like his business sense, he can trace his civic-mindedness back to his family.

Both of his parents were involved in politics. In fact, his mother was the first woman president of the local school board.

"Civic service was not only important to them in theory," he said. "They participated as well."

Pankonin spent the summer of 1973 in Washington, D.C., as an intern in the U.S. Senate. The summer was a politically tumultuous one as the investigation of the Watergate scandal continued.

"It was a really good experience," Pankonin said of his time in D.C.

Since his brief stint in the nation's capital, Pankonin has held several public offices including memberships on the Louisville Public School Board and the Louisville City Council. Most

recently, he was mayor of Louisville.

In addition to civic service and running his family business, Pankonin enjoys spending time reading and being with his family. He and his wife, Lori, just welcomed their first grandchild - Paul's daughter, Anne - last October. Stephanie, Pankonin's daughter, lives and works in Spain.

Pankonin said he's looking forward to his time as a state senator.

"It's something I've always been interested in," he said. "I just want to do the best job that I can."



*Sen. Dave Pankonin is the owner and manager of a farm equipment business in Louisville started by his great-grandfather. Pankonin's son Paul, right, is also involved in the business.*

# COMMITTEE HEARINGS

## TUESDAY, JANUARY 16

### Agriculture

Room 1524 - 1:30 p.m.

**LB 25** (*Langemeier, 23*) Change rabies control provisions to include hybrid animals

**LB 12** (*Mines, 18*) Change the Commercial Dog and Cat Operator Inspection Act

### Banking, Commerce and Insurance

Room 1507 - 1:30 p.m.

**LB 63** (*Schimek, 27*) Change insurance coverage provisions relating to childhood immunizations

**LB 26** (*Langemeier, 23*) Redefine real estate broker under the Nebraska Real Estate License Act

**LB 24** (*Pahls, 31*) Change provisions relating to a reciprocal certificate as a certified public accountant

**LB 62** (*Langemeier, 23*) Authorize insurance producers to charge incidental fees

### Education

Room 1525 - 1:30 p.m.

**LB 21** (*Raikes, 25*) Change school finance provisions relating to the cost growth factor

### Transportation and Telecommunications

Room 1113 - 1:30 p.m.

**LB 35** (*Janssen, 15*) Set maximum speed limit for non-Interstate freeways

**LB 14** (*Mines, 18*) Provide for one license plate and one In Transit decal per vehicle

**LB 43** (*Heidemann, et al.*) Provide for mowing and hay-harvesting permits for right-of-ways of highways

### Urban Affairs

Room 1510 - 1:30 p.m.

**LB 11** (*Mines, 18*) Change provisions relating to annexation by cities of the first class

**LB 28** (*Adams, 24*) Change provisions relating to conveyance of personal property by cities of the second class and villages

## WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 17

### Government, Military and Veterans Affairs

Room 1507 - 1:30 p.m.

**LB 17** (*Mines, 18*) Change provisions relating to multiple office holding

**LB 39** (*Schimek, et al.*) Provide restrictions relating to petition circulation and change campaign reporting provisions

**LB 40** (*Schimek, et al.*) Require an initiative and referendum petition circulator to wear an identification badge

**LB 44** (*Gay, 14*) Change provisions relating to precinct lists of registered voters and sign-in registers

### Health and Human Services

Room 1510 - 1:30 p.m.

**LB 52** (*Howard, et al.*) Create a task force to examine the prescription and administration of certain drugs to children who are wards of the state

**LB 53** (*Howard, et al.*) Prohibit smoking in certain foster care homes

**LB 54** (*Howard, 9*) Provide qualifications for certain child protection and safety workers

**LB 82** (*Synowiecki, 7*) Change Welfare Reform Act provisions relating to family size

**LB 90** (*Howard, 9*) Change the earned income disregard in the Welfare Reform Act

### Judiciary

Room 1113 - 1:30 p.m.

**LB 8** (*Preister, 5*) Increase penalty for accumulation of junk

**LB 6** (*Pahls, 31*) Adopt the Nebraska Safe Haven Act

**LB 157** (*Stuthman, 22*) Provide for leaving an infant with a firefighter or hospital staff member

**LB 15** (*Mines, 18*) Include parks as a prohibited area for controlled substances

**LB 141** (*Flood, 19*) Change provisions relating to burglary

## Natural Resources

Room 1525 - 1:30 p.m.

**John C. Turnbull** - Environmental Quality Council

**LB 79** (*Natural Resources*) Change provisions related to reporting under the Nebraska Litter Reduction and Recycling Act

**LB 80** (*Natural Resources*) Authorize additional assistance for projects under the Safe Drinking Water Act

**LB 161** (*Natural Resources*) Raise the range for permissible application fees for certification as wastewater treatment operators

## Revenue

Room 1524 - 1:30 p.m.

**LB 166** (*Revenue*) Change provisions relating to property taxation and assessment

**LB 167** (*Revenue*) Change property tax provisions relating to appeals, equalization, and assessor certification

**LB 168** (*Revenue*) Change property and motor vehicle tax protest and appeal procedures

**LB 155** (*Langemeier, 23*) Change provisions relating to tax liens on personal property and collection of certain taxes

**LB 145** (*McDonald, 41*) Require annual notices to property tax homestead exemption claimants

## THURSDAY, JANUARY 18

### Government, Military and Veterans Affairs

Room 1507 - 1:30 p.m.

**LB 5** (*Pahls, 31*) Change provisions relating to the state's employee suggestion system

**LB 7** (*Preister, 5*) Change the rights of the public regarding agenda items under the Open Meetings Act

**LB 16** (*Mines, 18*) Change provisions related to airport hazards and airport zoning regulations

**LB 50** (*Hudkins, 21*) Prohibit the state from seeking reimbursement from employees for use of vacation leave

# COMMITTEE HEARINGS

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

**LB 296** (*Johnson, et al.*)  
Reorganize the Health and Human  
Services System

**LB 185** (*Health and Human  
Services Committee*) Change  
provisions relating to health and  
human services

**LB 178** (*Janssen, 15*) Create the  
Nebraska Women, Infants, and  
Children Program Advisory Board

## Judiciary

Room 1113 - 1:30 p.m.

**LB 154** (*Burling, 33*) Eliminate  
certain exemptions from jury service

**LB 67** (*Stuthman, 22*) Permit  
service of summons of proposed  
jurors by first-class mail

**LB 99** (*Wightman, 36*) Change  
provisions relating to the  
appointment of receivers by the  
district court

**LB 19** (*Mines, 18*) Authorize  
disposition of an abandoned mobile  
home as personal property

**LB 213** (*Ashford, 20*) Change  
provisions relating to preserving  
testimony

## Natural Resources

Room 1525 - 1:30 p.m.

**LB 140** (*Flood, 19*) Provide  
copies of complaints filed with  
the Department of Environmental  
Quality

**LB 184** (*Carlson, et al.*) Change  
hunting and fishing permit  
provisions for military personnel and  
veterans

## Revenue

Room 1524 - 1:30 p.m.

**Doug Ewald** - State Tax  
Commissioner

**LB 98** (*Flood, 19*) Eliminate  
references to a fund that terminated  
**LB 223** (*Revenue Committee*)  
Change tax laws

**LB 177** (*Janssen, 15*) Change  
the Nebraska Advantage  
Microenterprise Tax Credit Act

**LB 94** (*Cornett, 45*) Authorize  
municipalities to receive certain  
sales and use tax information

**LB 3** (*Pahls, 31*) Provide a sales  
tax holiday for school-related  
purchases

**LB 60** (*Avery, 28*) Provide a sales  
tax holiday for school-related  
purchases

## FRIDAY, JANUARY 19

## Government, Military and Veterans Affairs

Room 1507 - 2:30 p.m.

**LB 13** (*Mines, 18*) Provide for  
the creation and certification of  
joint entities under the Interlocal  
Cooperation Act

**LB 18** (*Mines, 18*) Change recall  
provisions

## Health and Human Services

Room 1510 - 1:30 p.m.

**LB 203** (*Gay, 14*) Provide an  
informal conference process for  
disciplinary action regarding health  
care facilities

**LB 86** (*Howard, et al.*) Change  
provisions of the Health Care  
Facility Licensure Act covering  
applicants for licensure

**LB 103** (*Erdman, 47*) Authorize  
release of patient information  
and change provisions relating to  
regional trauma advisory boards

## Judiciary

Room 1113 - 1:30 p.m.

**LB 227** (*Cornett, 45*) Change  
provisions governing certain  
offenses relating to animals

**LB 176** (*Cornett, 45*) Redefine  
police animal for certain crimes

**LB 180** (*Kruse, et al.*) Provide  
a penalty with respect to keg  
identification numbers

**LB 216** (*Ashford, 20*) Change  
provisions relating to violence on a  
service dog

**LB 217** (*Ashford, 20*) Change  
provisions relating to unlawful acts  
involving drug substances

## Natural Resources

Room 1525 - 1:30 p.m.

**LB 202** (*Louden, et al.*) Change  
the Integrated Solid Waste  
Management Act

**LB 263** (*Hudkins, 21*) Change  
permit provisions under  
the Integrated Solid Waste  
Management Act

## Revenue

Room 1524 - 1:30 p.m.

**LB 4** (*Pahls, 31*) Provide income  
tax credits and adjustments relating  
to long-term care insurance

**LB 9** (*Preister, 5*) Provide an  
income tax credit for energy  
conservation and renewable energy  
generation

**LB 240** (*Langemeier, 23*) Provide  
an income tax credit for certain  
capital gains

**LB 264** (*Hudkins, 21*) Adopt the  
Volunteer Emergency Responders  
Incentive Act and provide for an  
income tax credit

## Update Correction

In Vol. XXX, No. 1 of the  
Unicameral Update, the article  
entitled "New session brings  
new faces, leaders" should  
have stated that Sen. Lowen  
Kruse of Omaha had served  
as vice chairperson of the  
Appropriations Committee for  
the last two years.

# COMMITTEE HEARINGS

## TENTATIVE SCHEDULE

### MONDAY, JANUARY 22

#### Banking, Commerce and Insurance

Room 1507 - 1:30 p.m.

**LB 115** (*Pahls, 31*) Redefine automobile liability policy

**LB 118** (*Banking, Commerce and Insurance*) Change the Comprehensive Health Insurance Pool Act

**LB 120** (*Banking, Commerce and Insurance*) Rename and change the applicability of the Nebraska Senior Protection in Annuity Transactions Act

**LB 186** (*Langemeier, 23*) Change provisions relating to the credentialing of real property appraisers

#### Business and Labor

Room 2102 - 1:30 p.m.

**LB 204** (*Synowiecki, 7*) Change provisions relating to the Contractor Registration Act

**LB 211** (*Business and Labor Committee*) Change Commission of Industrial Relations judges' compensation

**LB 226** (*Cornett, 45*) Change provisions relating to boiler inspections

**LB 209** (*Business and Labor Committee*) Create and eliminate safety inspection funds relating to elevators and conveyances

#### Education

Room 1525 - 1:30 p.m.

**LB 95** (*Flood, 19*) Clarify reference to expense reimbursement for the Professional Practices Commission

**LB 101** (*Erdman, 47*) Clarify that only one parent need sign the statement regarding private schools that elect not to meet accreditation or approval

**LB 150** (*Adams, 24*) Change provisions relating to certificate fees paid to the State Department of Education

**LB 231** (*Raikes, 25*) Change provisions relating to the Early Childhood Training Center

**LB 241** (*Hudkins, 21*) Require the state to pay teachers' salaries as prescribed

#### General Affairs

Room 1510 - 1:30 p.m.

**LB 64** (*Schimek, 27*) Eliminate a gaming fee and tax adopted by initiative

**LB 181** (*Kruse, 13*) Eliminate a fee and tax on gaming activity adopted by initiative

**LB 251** (*Synowiecki, 7*) Eliminate a restriction on adding alcohol to beer

#### Transportation and Telecommunications

Room 1113 - 1:30 p.m.

**LB 59** (*Engel, 17*) Require education of motor vehicle dealers, agents, and salespersons as prescribed

**LB 84** (*Howard, et al.*) Regulate traffic approaching or passing an authorized emergency vehicle

**LB 148** (*Heidemann, 1*) Provide an

exception to weight and load limits for trucks

**LB 165** (*Fischer, 43*) Eliminate authorization to participate in the Midwest Interstate Passenger Rail Compact

### TUESDAY, JANUARY 23

#### Agriculture

Room 1524 - 1:30 p.m.

**LB 74** (*Erdman, 47*) Change the Nebraska Pure Food Act

**LB 110** (*Erdman, 47*) Adopt the Bovine Tuberculosis Act

**LB 111** (*Erdman, 47*) Change provisions relating to milk

#### Banking, Commerce and Insurance

Room 1507 - 1:30 p.m.

**LB 117** (*Banking, Commerce and Insurance*) Change provisions relating to insurance

**LB 119** (*Banking, Commerce and Insurance*) Change the Insurers Investment Act

**LB 121** (*Banking, Commerce and Insurance*) Adopt the Captive Insurers Act

**LB 191** (*Mines, et al.*) Change provisions relating to directors of certain corporations

## Hearings are open to public

Public hearings offer people the opportunity to make their views known on proposed legislation and have them incorporated into the official legislative record. In Nebraska, most bills, with the exception of a few technical bills, receive a public hearing before a legislative committee.

A weekly schedule of committee hearings is available in the Clerk's Office, the Legislative Bill Room and the Legislature's web site ([www.nebraskalegislature.gov](http://www.nebraskalegislature.gov)).

The schedule also can be found

in the Unicameral Update, the Sunday Lincoln Journal-Star and the Sunday Omaha World-Herald.

To testify before a committee, attend and fill out the sign-in sheet at the witness table, orally identify yourself and spell your last name for the record and state who, if anyone, you represent as you begin your testimony. Be prepared to answer questions. Please note that addressing committee members or witnesses from the audience, public demonstrations and applause are prohibited.

# NEW BILLS.....

## Bills Introduced on Day 4 - Jan. 8, 2007

<b>Bill</b>	<b>Oneliner</b>	<b>Introducer</b>
LB108	Change provisions relating to fence disputes	Agriculture
LB109	Appropriate funds to the Board of Regents of the University of Nebraska with respect to crop insurance	Agriculture
LB110	Adopt the Bovine Tuberculosis Act	Erdman, 47
LB111	Change provisions relating to milk	Erdman, 47
LB112	Provide for the judicial emancipation of minors	Erdman, 47
LB113	Prohibit branch banking by industrial loan companies	Pahls, 31
LB114	Change the Nebraska Uniform Trust Code	Pahls, 31
LB115	Redefine automobile liability policy	Pahls, 31
LB116	Change provisions relating to priority of purchase-money security interests	Pahls, 31
LB117	Change provisions relating to insurance	Banking, Commerce and Insurance
LB118	Change the Comprehensive Health Insurance Pool Act	Banking, Commerce and Insurance
LB119	Change the Insurers Investment Act	Banking, Commerce and Insurance
LB120	Rename and change the applicability of the Nebraska Senior Protection in Annuity Transactions Act	Banking, Commerce and Insurance
LB121	Adopt the Captive Insurers Act	Banking, Commerce and Insurance
LB122	Change provisions relating to banking and finance	Banking, Commerce and Insurance
LB123	Adopt the Nebraska Foreclosure Protection Act and change provisions relating to deceptive trade practices	Banking, Commerce and Insurance
LB124	Revise powers of state-chartered banks, building and loan associations, and credit unions	Banking, Commerce and Insurance
LB125	Change provisions relating to community development investments	Pahls, 31
LB126	Provide for regulation of trust company names	Pahls, 31
LB127	Change provisions relating to loan brokerage agreements	Pahls, 31
LB128	Change the Nebraska Installment Sales Act	Pahls, 31
LB129	Change the Mortgage Bankers Registration and Licensing Act	Pahls, 31
LB130	Provide for a licensee relocation fee under the Nebraska Installment Loan Act	Pahls, 31
LB131	Provides for the University Research and Development Corridor Master Plan	Raikes, 25
LB132	Provide for revocation of a legal separation decree	Nantkes, 46
LB133	Provide for the transfer of development rights as prescribed	Schimek, 27
LB134	Require insurance coverage of colorectal cancer screenings	Schimek, 27
LB135	Provide for confidentiality of certain public entity records	Fulton, 29
LB136	Adopt the Nebraska Uniform Prudent Management of Institutional Funds Act	Flood, 19
LB137	Change provisions relating to inheritance tax liens	Flood, 19
LB138	Provide penalties and change other provisions relating to sex offenders	Flood, 19
LB139	Change reimbursement provisions under the Special Education Act	Flood, 19
LB140	Provide copies of complaints filed with the Department of Environmental Quality	Flood, 19
LB141	Change provisions relating to burglary	Flood, 19
LB142	Change provisions relating to intimidation through the use of communication devices	Friend, 10
LB143	Prohibit government officials from requiring a polygraph examination of a victim of a sex offense	McDonald, 41
LB144	Adopt the Hepatitis C Education and Prevention Act	McDonald, 41
LB145	Require annual notices to property tax homestead exemption claimants	McDonald, 41
LB146	Change the administrative fee for income withholding for child support	McDonald, 41
LB147	Change penalty provisions for vehicle loads	McDonald, 41
LB148	Provide an exception to weight and load limits for trucks	Heidemann, 1
LB149	Change provisions relating to the unauthorized use of the word bank	Gay, 14
LB150	Change provisions relating to certificate fees paid to the State Department of Education	Adams, 24

# NEW BILLS.....

<b>Bill</b>	<b>Oneliner</b>	<b>Introducer</b>
LB151	Provide a statute of limitations for certificate of deposit obligations as prescribed	Gay, 14
LB152	Change insurer reporting requirements regarding professional liability claims	Pankonin, 2
LB153	Change provisions relating to legal actions over school districts in annexed territory	Aguilar, 35
LB154	Eliminate certain exemptions from jury service	Burling, 33
LB155	Change provisions relating to tax liens on personal property and collection of certain taxes	Langemeier, 23
LB156	Change provisions relating to bank boards, investments, and premiums	Langemeier, 23
LB157	Provide for leaving an infant with a firefighter or hospital staff member	Stuthman, 22
LB158	Exempt depreciable repair or replacement parts for agricultural equipment from sales tax	Heidemann, 1
LB159	Exempt repair or replacement parts for agricultural equipment from sales tax	Heidemann, 1
LB160	Change fire and rescue department provisions relating to clothing, equipment, and donations	Cornett, 45
LB161	Raise the range for permissible application fees for certification as wastewater treatment operators	Natural Resources
LB162	Provide for an electronic lien system for certificates of title	Fischer, 43
LB163	Require certification of payment of sales tax to obtain a certificate of title for an all-terrain vehicle	Fischer, 43
LB164	Change provisions of the Relocation Assistance Act	Fischer, 43
LB165	Eliminate authorization to participate in the Midwest Interstate Passenger Rail Compact	Fischer, 43
LB166	Change provisions relating to property taxation and assessment	Revenue
LB167	Change property tax provisions relating to appeals, equalization, and assessor certification	Revenue
LB168	Change property and motor vehicle tax protest and appeal procedures	Revenue
LB169	Exclude military retirement benefits from income taxation	Cornett, 45
LB170	Change the tax levy authority of educational service units	Kopplin, 3
LB171	Require Department of Health and Human Services to apply for food stamp options and waivers	Kopplin, 3
LB172	Provide for the adoption of ordinances and resolutions by counties	Kopplin, 3
LB173	Change provisions relating to homestead exemptions	Engel, 17
LB174	Provide duties for and prohibit certain actions by issuers of credit and debit cards	Janssen, 15
LB175	Require employer to provide employee a reason for termination	Cornett, 45
LB176	Redefine police animal for certain crimes	Cornett, 45

## Bills Introduced on Day 5 - Jan. 9, 2007

<b>Bill</b>	<b>Oneliner</b>	<b>Introducer</b>
LB177	Change the Nebraska Advantage Microenterprise Tax Credit Act	Janssen, 15
LB178	Create the Nebraska Women, Infants, and Children Program Advisory Board	Janssen, 15
LB179	Require electronic recording of custodial interrogations	Lathrop, 12
LB180	Provide a penalty with respect to keg identification numbers	Kruse, 13
LB181	Eliminate a fee and tax on gaming activity adopted by initiative	Kruse, 13
LB182	Change grant provisions under the public transportation assistance program	Kruse, 13
LB183	Exclude military retirement benefits from income taxation	Carlson, 38
LB184	Change hunting and fishing permit provisions for military personnel and veterans	Carlson, 38
LB185	Change provisions relating to health and human services	Health and Human Services Committee
LB186	Change provisions relating to the credentialing of real property appraisers	Langemeier, 23
LB187	Prohibit certain interlocal agreements	Mines, 18
LB188	Eliminate a notice requirement relating to motor vehicle service contracts	Mines, 18
LB189	Change the Nebraska Uniform Trust Code	Mines, 18
LB190	Provide for consumers to put a security freeze on their credit reports	Mines, 18

# NEW BILLS.....

<b>Bill</b>	<b>Oneliner</b>	<b>Introducer</b>
LB191	Change provisions relating to directors of certain corporations	Mines, 18
LB192	Adopt the Access College Early Scholarship Program Act and eliminate the Community Scholarship Foundation Program Act	Harms, 48
LB193	Provide for a special authorization for teachers not addressed by an existing endorsement	Howard, 9
LB194	Change disciplinary provisions of the Uniform Licensing Law	Pahls, 31
LB195	Repeal the authorization for the Nebraska State Quarter	Preister, 5
LB196	Permit the Adjutant General to designate certain vehicles as military emergency vehicles	Schimek, 27
LB197	Change the Political Subdivisions Tort Claims Act	Schimek, 27
LB198	Change requirements for campaign messages	Schimek, 27
LB199	Changes municipal cooperative financing and open meetings provisions	Schimek, 27
LB200	Change the definition of tractor for purposes of tractor testing	Burling, 33
LB201	Change the penalty for false information relating to motor vehicle registration	Fischer, 43
LB202	Change the Integrated Solid Waste Management Act	Louden, 49
LB203	Provide an informal conference process for disciplinary action regarding health care facilities	Gay, 14
LB204	Change provisions relating to the Contractor Registration Act	Synowiecki, 7
LB205	Require schools to adopt a bullying policy	Howard, 9
LB206	Change provisions regarding the city treasurer and the county treasurer serving as ex officio city treasurer in cities of the metropolitan class	Friend, 10
LB207	Provide a power for the board of directors of a metropolitan utilities district	Friend, 10
LB208	Change bond requirements for certain public building projects	Aguilar, 35
LB209	Create and eliminate safety inspection funds relating to elevators and conveyances	Business and Labor Committee
LB210	Change membership of the Nebraska Workforce Investment Board	Business and Labor Committee
LB211	Change Commission of Industrial Relations judges' compensation	Business and Labor Committee
LB212	Authorize counties to enact ordinances as prescribed	Rogert, 16
LB213	Change provisions relating to preserving testimony	Ashford, 20
LB214	Change acting county attorney compensation, provide for county judge interchange, and eliminate an obsolete procedure	Ashford, 20
LB215	Change provisions relating to life imprisonment	Ashford, 20
LB216	Change provisions relating to violence on a service dog	Ashford, 20
LB217	Change provisions relating to unlawful acts involving drug substances	Ashford, 20
LB218	Change provisions relating to the acquisition of certain drug products	Burling, 33
LB219	Change requirements for freeholder petitions	Dierks, 40
LB220	Provide for medical liens for chiropractors	Dierks, 40
LB221	Change legal procedure complaint and notice provisions	Lathrop, 12
LB222	Provide workers' compensation benefits for permanent disfigurement or scarring	McGill, 26
LB223	Change tax laws	Revenue Committee
LB224	Impose a moratorium on new water wells as prescribed	Kopplin, 3
LB225	Provide for acknowledgment of satisfaction of judgment and unsworn certification	Friend, 10
LB226	Change provisions relating to boiler inspections	Cornett, 45
LB227	Change provisions governing certain offenses relating to animals	Cornett, 45
LB228	Repeals statutes limiting liability of owners or operators of motor vehicles and aircraft for damages to guests or invitees	Synowiecki, 7
LB229	Appropriate funds for developmental disability aid	Wallman, 30
LB230	Change provisions relating to resident students for purposes of certain reorganizations	Raikes, 25
LB231	Change provisions relating to the Early Childhood Training Center	Raikes, 25
LB232	Change the Building Entrepreneurial Communities Act	Dubas, 34
LB233	Provide a residency requirement for certain members of public building commissions	Pirsch, 4

# NEW BILLS.....

<b>Bill</b>	<b>Oneliner</b>	<b>Introducer</b>
LB234	Provide for reorganization of certain school districts as prescribed	Dierks, 40
LB235	Provide business incentives for film and music production	Nantkes, 46
LR6CA	Constitutional amendment to provide for investment by political subdivisions	Avery, 28

## Bills Introduced on Day 6 - Jan. 10, 2007

<b>Bill</b>	<b>Oneliner</b>	<b>Introducer</b>
LB236	Provide requirements for in-home personal care services workers	Johnson, 37
LB237	Change the homestead exemption amount for judgments and execution	Pahls, 31
LB238	Create the Board of Trustees of the Nebraska Community Colleges	Fischer, 43
LB239	Update references to federal law in certain state motor vehicle statutes	Fischer, 43
LB240	Provide an income tax credit for certain capital gains	Langemeier, 23
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LB273	Change the definition of tractor for purposes of tractor testing	Kopplin, 3
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LB275	Change a fund transfer and appropriate funds for biomedical research	Kruse, 13
LB276	Rename the Department of Roads	Schimek, 27
LB277	Change provisions relating to a metropolitan transportation improvement program in lieu of a Department of Roads plan	Mines, 18
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LB279	Change provisions relating to driver training schools	Stuthman, 22
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LB281	Appropriate funds for federally qualified community health centers	Stuthman, 22
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LB289	Change procedure relating to elections to exceed the tax levy limit	Louden, 49
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LB300	Create the State Work Incentive Program	Howard, 9
LB301	Extend the current distribution of state lottery proceeds until 2013	Janssen, 15
LB302	Change provisions relating to buildings, structures, and outdoor advertising signs, displays, and devices	Friend, 10
LB303	Adopt a deferred retirement option plan (DROP) retirement program for the Nebraska State Patrol	Synowiecki, 7
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LB308	Adopt the Automated Medication System Act	Stuthman, 22
LB309	Change provisions relating to handicapped or disabled parking permits	Heidemann, 1
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LB311	Change provisions relating to petition signature verification	Aguilar, 35
LB312	Change provisions relating to resignations, vacancy appointments, and recall elections	Aguilar, 35
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LB314	Redefine water well for purposes of registration	Louden, 49
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LB317	Provide for deficit appropriations	Speaker Flood, 19
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LB348	Change and eliminate provisions relating to the discontinuance of township organization	Burling, 33
LB349	Change provisions relating to motor vehicles and trailers	Stuthman, 22
LB350	Provide for the partial payment of an insurance policy by city or village ordinance	Stuthman, 22
LB351	Change and provide for transitional public assistance payments	Stuthman, 22
LB352	Adopt the Nebraska Shooting Range Protection Act	Langemeier, 23
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LB358	Change provisions relating to interstate motor carriers	Hudkins, 21
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LB363	Adopt the Legal Education for Public Service Loan Repayment Act	Ashford, 20
LB364	Change apportionment of inheritance tax revenue	Flood, 19
LB365	Change Judges Retirement Act provisions relating to early retirement	Synowiecki, 7
LB366	Provide state funding for community colleges, change valuation of agricultural land, and create a homestead exemption	Janssen, 15
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LB373	Provide for inadmissibility of apologies regarding medical care as evidence	Schimek, 27
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*Charles Bowling, vocal music director at Lincoln Northeast High School, conducts the audience in the Capitol rotunda during the Martin Luther King, Jr. State Ceremony Jan. 12.*

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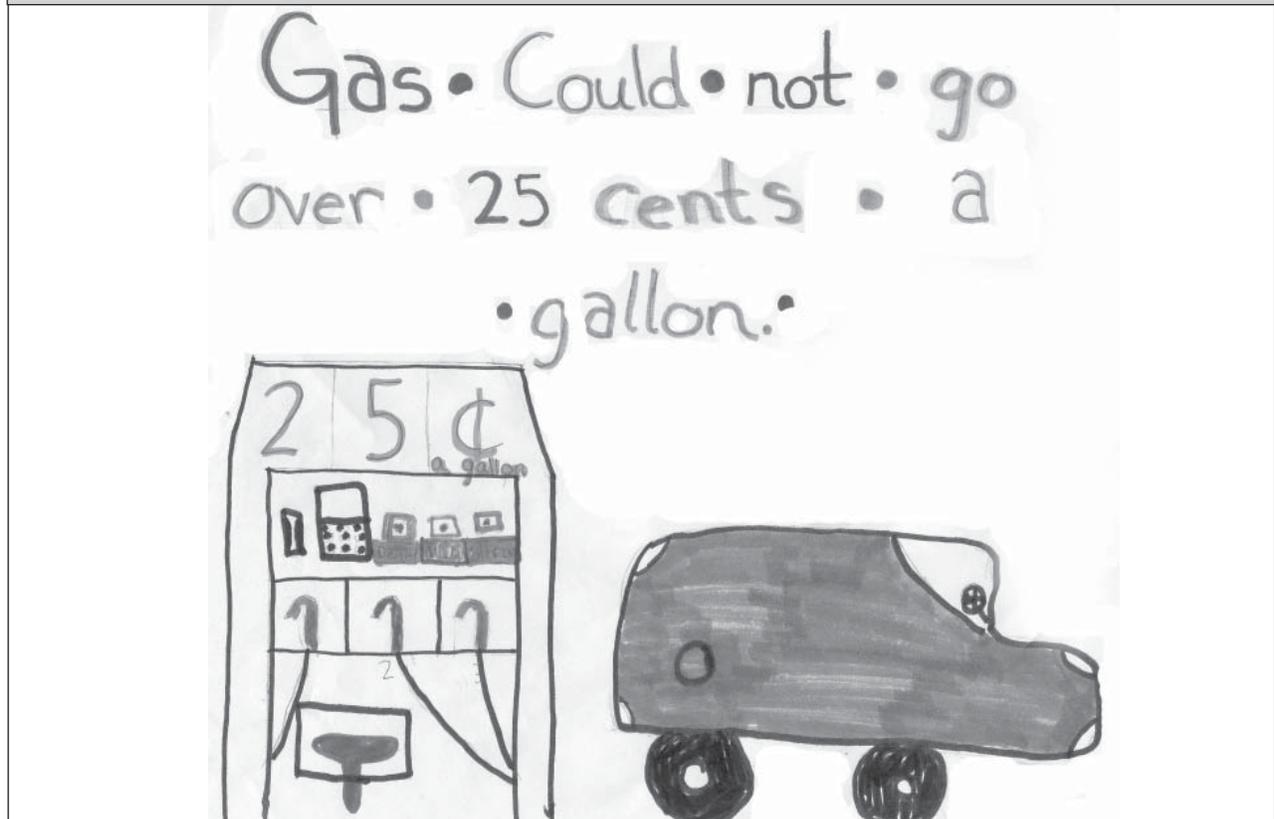
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