

Governor names economic priorities



Sens. Steve Lathrop and Danielle Nantkes escort Gov. Dave Heineman from the Norris Chamber Jan. 15 after his State of the State address.

Urging new senators to bring new perspectives to the challenges facing Nebraska, Gov. Dave Heineman delivered his State of the State address to lawmakers Jan. 15.

The governor noted that the 101st Legislature is the first since the full implementation of term limits.

“We have begun a new chapter in Nebraska history,” Heineman said. “You bring a new vitality, new enthusiasm and new ideas to the Nebraska Legislature.”

The most important challenge law-

makers face is the economy, according to the governor. While Nebraska is one of a only a few states not facing a financial crisis, citizens still need to brace for tough economic times ahead, Heineman said.

“The next few years will present one of the greatest financial challenges of our lifetime,” he said.

The governor commended the Legislature for making difficult budget decisions in the past that will lessen the impact of an uncertain economic future. Nebraska has modernized economic incentives, lowered taxes,

controlled spending, created jobs and invested well, he said.

Heineman cited passage of the Nebraska Advantage program in 2005 as a model economic program. Since its inception, 185 companies have located or expanded in Nebraska, he said. “These companies are expected to invest more than \$5.3 billion in our economy and create more than 15,000 new jobs.”

But, the governor said, more needs to be done. Heineman said his budget recommendations for the upcoming biennium are crucial to the state’s continued economic success.

He said avoiding tax increases is his first priority.

“Nebraska is still a high tax state,” Heineman said. “Nebraskans need tax relief.”

Of particular importance, he said, will be funding the \$230 million property tax program established two years ago. Increasing property taxes in an economic downturn would be unacceptable, he said.

Second, the governor stressed the importance of prioritizing education. “Education is the great equalizer,” Heineman said. “And a quality education is essential for our children to compete.”

The governor’s budget recommendations include increased funding for state aid to education, special education, the University of Nebraska and state and community colleges.

Despite the difficult economic climate, Heineman named continued funding for programs that aid Nebraska’s vulnerable populations as his third priority.

A CLOSER LOOK.....

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The state Department of Health and Human Services will spend more than \$1.2 billion annually in the coming biennium to address the needs of children and families in distress, the mentally ill, veterans and those with substance abuse problems, Heineman said.

The governor acknowledged gaps in access to these programs and said he looks forward to working with the Legislature on those issues. Some of those gaps were highlighted last year by the state's safe haven law and by inquiries into problems at the Beatrice State Developmental Center.

While encouraging spending on education and programs for vulnerable Nebraskans, the governor also stressed the need to maintain a strong cash reserve.

"The cash reserve is our rainy day fund," Heineman said, "but we need to be mindful that it is only beginning to rain."

He pointed out several potential drains on the reserve, including potential water litigation, possible loss of federal funding for the Beatrice State Developmental Center and state pension losses due to stock market declines.

Yet, the governor remained optimistic that Nebraska will fare well in the difficult days ahead.

"Our hard work has better positioned us to weather

the coming fiscal storm," he said. "I have confidence in our ability to build an even brighter future in the years ahead."



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Committee vice chairpersons selected

- Agriculture:** Sen. Annette Dubas
- Appropriations:** Sen. John Harms
- Banking, Commerce & Insurance:** Sen. Pete Pirsch
- Business & Labor:** Sen. Brenda Council
- Education:** Sen. Gwen Howard
- General Affairs:** Sen. Ken Rogert
- Government, Military & Veterans Affairs:** Sen. Pete Pirsch
- Health & Human Services:** Sen. Dave Pankonin
- Judiciary:** Sen. Steve Lathrop
- Natural Resources:** Sen. Annette Dubas
- Nebraska Retirement Systems:** Sen. Jeremy Nordquist
- Revenue:** Sen. M. L. Dierks of Ewing
- Transportation & Telecommunications:** Sen. Arnie Stuthman
- Urban Affairs:** Sen. Amanda McGill

Special committee & commissions assigned

- Building Maintenance**
Chairperson: Sen. LeRoy Louden
Members: Sen. Mike Gloor, Tom Hansen, Lavon Heidemann, Jeremy Nordquist and Norm Wallman
- Education Commission of the States:** Sens. Greg Adams, John Harms and Rich Pahls
- Legislative Performance Audit:** Sens. Mike Flood, Mike Friend, John Harms, Lavon Heidemann, Danielle Nantkes, Arnie Stuthman and John Wightman
- Midwestern Higher Education Commission:** Sens. Greg Adams and Deb Fischer
- Midwest Interstate Passenger Rail Compact:** Sens. Abbie Cornett and Arnie Stuthman
- State-Tribal Relations**
Chairperson: Sen. Cap Dierks, Vice Chairperson: Sen. Kent Rogert
Members: Sens. Colby Coash, Tanya Cook, Annette Dubas, Robert Giese and Jeremy Nordquist

COMMITTEE HEARINGS

Tuesday, January 20, 2009

Agriculture

Room 2102 - 1:30 p.m.

LB99 (Carlson) Adopt the Anthrax Control Act

LB100 (Carlson) Change Pesticide Act provisions

LB101 (Carlson) Eliminate the Farm Mediation Act termination date

Banking, Commerce and Insurance

Room 1507 - 1:30 p.m.

LB11 (Langemeier) Change provisions of the Nebraska Real Estate License Act

LB29 (Pahls) Change branch office management requirements under the Nebraska Real Estate License Act

LB30 (Pahls) Change provisions of the Nebraska Real Estate License Act

LB31 (Pahls) Change Public Accountancy Act provisions

Education

Room 1525 - 1:30 p.m.

LB72 (Cornett) Provide for management of students' and children's life-threatening allergies

LB73 (Cornett) Ratify the Interstate Compact on Educational Opportunity for Military Children

LB62 (Adams) Change enrollment option program provisions

LB61 (Adams) Change certification dates for state aid to schools

Transportation and Telecommunications

Room 1113 - 1:30 p.m.

LB92 (Howard) Require vehicles to move over upon approach of stopped emergency vehicles

LB6 (Christensen) Authorize school permitholders to drive to work

LB49 (Fischer) Require titling and

registration of motor vehicles and motorboats be performed by county treasurers

LB108 (Carlson) Exempt certain all-terrain vehicles from identification inspection requirements

LB50 (Fischer) Change provisions relating to motor vehicle manufacturers

Urban Affairs

Room 1510 - 1:30 p.m.

LB85 (McGill) Authorize urban growth districts and provide bond authority

LB104 (Cornett) Change annexation requirements for cities of the first class

Wednesday, January 21, 2009

Government, Military and Veterans Affairs

Room 1507 - 2:00 p.m.

LB115 (Louden) Eliminate the Nebraska Veterans Cemetery Advisory Board

LB154 (Government, Military and Veterans Affairs Committee) Eliminate certain boards, commissions, committees, councils, task forces, working groups, and related statutory provisions

LB139 (Avery) Rename the Commission on Mexican-Americans

Health and Human Services

Room 1510 - 1:30 p.m.

LB25 (Friend) Provide for licensure of and medicaid payments to children's day health services

LB91 (Howard) Provide for a subsidized adoption of a child who was under a subsidized guardianship prior thereto

LB173 (Gay) Provide for relabeling and redispensing of prescription drugs at certain correctional facilities

LB196 (Gay) Change loan agreement provisions under the Rural Health Systems and Professional Incentive Act

Judiciary

Room 1113 - 1:30 p.m.

LB151 (Stuthman) Eliminate provisions relating to ephedrine under the Uniform Controlled Substances Act

LB123 (Karpisek) Change the Uniform Controlled Substances Act to include Salvia divinorum or Salvinorin A

LB76 (Pirsch) Authorize the aggregation of amounts under forgery in the second degree and criminal possession of a forged instrument

LB148 (Pirsch) Change penalties for motor vehicle homicide and motor vehicle homicide of an unborn child

Natural Resources

Room 1525 - 1:30 p.m.

LB105 (Natural Resources Committee) Change provisions relating to fees, licenses, permits, funds, penalties, and damages under the Game Law and the State Boat Act

LB179 (Natural Resources Committee) Change project limit adjustments under the Nebraska Resources Development Fund

LB180 (Natural Resources Committee) Change provisions relating to solid waste management

LB42 (Flood) Change provisions relating to rural water districts

LB43 (Flood) Eliminate the Department of Natural Resources Interstate Water Rights Cash Fund

COMMITTEE HEARINGS

Revenue

Room 1524 - 1:30 p.m.

LB164 (Cornett) Change provisions relating to tax incentive programs

LB165 (Cornett) Change revenue laws

LB166 (Cornett) Change provisions relating to property tax

Thursday, January 22, 2009

Government, Military and Veterans Affairs

Room 1507 - 2:00 p.m.

LB24 (Friend) Change provisions relating to work done on radiological instruments by the Military Department

LB17 (White) Provide for a tuition waiver for combat-injured veterans

LB52 (Fischer) Change employment qualifications relating to county veterans service offices

Health and Human Services

Room 1510 - 1:30 p.m.

LB68 (Wallman) Provide procedures for closure of state residential facilities for persons with developmental disabilities

LB84 (McGill) Eliminate the termination date for the Women's Health Initiative Advisory Council

Judiciary

Room 1113 - 1:30 p.m.

LB190 (Avery) Provide for collection of DNA samples from individuals convicted of a felony

LB185 (Louden) Change provisions relating to presentence investigations

LB83 (McGill) Provide for the care of domestic animals in protection orders

LB78 (Gay) Provide for deposit of inmate wages into the Victim's Compensation Fund

LB41 (Flood) Clarify references to the

county sheriff

Natural Resources

Room 1525 - 1:30 p.m.

Appointment - Dunnigan, Brian -

Department of Natural Resources

Appointment - Fisher, Rex - Game and Parks Commission

LB53 (Fischer) Change provisions relating to formation, territory, and the operating area of public power districts

LB14 (White) Provide energy conservation standards for certain state buildings

LB5 (Christensen) Eliminate a restriction and a penalty on trapping wildlife in county road rights-of-way

Revenue

Room 1524 - 1:30 p.m.

LB119 (Wightman) Change inheritance tax provisions

LB120 (Wightman) Change inheritance tax provisions

LB89 (Cornett) Change tax calculations under the Tobacco Products Tax Act

Friday, January 23, 2009

Government, Military and Veterans Affairs

Room 1507 - 1:30 p.m.

LB7 (Wightman) Provide a residency requirement for clerks of the district court

LB8 (Wightman) Change fees received by clerks and registers of deeds

LB33 (Fulton) Change county zoning provisions with respect to density of population

LB55 (Fischer) Change qualifications for office for county attorneys and the Attorney General

Health and Human Services

Room 1510 - 1:30 p.m.

LB146 (Howard) Provide for simulated pharmacies

LB132 (Fulton) Change the Barber Act

LB150 (Heidemann) Repeal the Nebraska Prostitution Intervention and Treatment Act

LB195 (Gay) Change the Statewide Trauma System Act

Judiciary

Room 1113 - 1:30 p.m.

LB90 (Heidemann) Remove a requirement of consent and waiver of physical appearance relating to audiovisual court appearances

LB201 (McGill) Change the Uniform Child Custody Jurisdiction and Enforcement Act relating to international application

LB203 (Rogert) Eliminate provisions relating to multiple constables and the service or execution of legal process

LB19 (Christensen) Change marriage license fee provisions and provide for marriage education

Natural Resources

Room 1525 - 1:30 p.m.

LB134 (Pankonin) Change natural resources districts eminent domain powers

LB160 (Gay) Authorize issuance of flood protection and water quality enhancement bonds by natural resources districts

Revenue

Room 1524 - 1:30 p.m.

LB44 (Flood) Correct a definition and eliminate obsolete statutory references in revenue provisions

LB45 (Flood) Eliminate references to a fund that terminated

LB251 (Cornett) Update references to the Internal Revenue Code

COMMITTEE HEARINGS

TENTATIVE SCHEDULE OF COMMITTEE HEARINGS

Monday January 26, 2009

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

LB192 (Pahls) Change insurance provisions

LB75 (Pirsch) Change provisions relating to automatic teller machine usage fees

LB80 (Nelson) Change the Uniform Principal and Income Act

LB87 (Pahls) Change provisions relating to the effects of errors and omissions in financing statements

Business and Labor

Room 2102 - 1:30 p.m.

LB158 (White) Adopt the Peace Officer Discipline Procedures Act

LB107 (Haar) Require an employer to provide an employee a reason for termination

Appointment - Cole, Charles - Boiler Safety Code Advisory Board

Appointment - DeMartino, Thomas - Boiler Safety Code Advisory Board

Appointment - Kasl, Martin - Boiler Safety Code Advisory Board

Appointment - Stewart, Kenneth - Boiler Safety Code Advisory Board

Education

1525 - 1:30 p.m.

LB206 (Nantkes) Adopt the In the Line of Duty Dependent Education Act

LB20 (Harms) Change provisions of the Access College Early Scholarship Program Act

LB197 (Fulton) Change provisions relating to the Nebraska educational savings plan

LB102 (Adams) Provide a definition of high school graduate for postsecondary admission and financial aid purposes

General Affairs

Room 1510 - 1:30 p.m.

LB189 (Pankonin) Change terminology relating to problem gambling services

LB266 (Karpisek) Adopt the Racetrack Gaming Act and change provisions relating to horseracing

LR6CA (Karpisek) Constitutional amendment to authorize and regulate racetrack gaming

Transportation and

Telecommunications

Room 1113 - 1:30 p.m.

LB229 (Fischer) Adopt federal regulations and change operator's license and state identification card provisions

LB261 (Rogert) Provide for use of machine-readable information encoded on drivers' licenses and state identification cards

LB222 (Giese) Restrict issuance of learner's permits

LB204 (Transportation and Telecommunications Committee) Change certain commercial motor vehicle penalty provisions

Tuesday January 27, 2009

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

LB32 (Pahls) Change provisions relating to unauthorized use of the word bank

LB88 (Pahls) Change provisions relating to unauthorized use of the word bank

LB74 (Pirsch) Authorize pledging of Federal Home Loan Bank of Topeka letters of credit as security for private deposits

LB113 (Pankonin) Change Securities Act of Nebraska provisions

NEW BILLS.....

Jan. 12, 2009

Bill	Introducer	One-line Description
LB156	Lautenbaugh	Eliminate the strict liability requirement for pursuits by law enforcement officers
LB157	McCoy	Exempt state vehicles from carrying insured and underinsured motorist coverage
LB158	White	Adopt the Peace Officer Discipline Procedures Act
LB159	Gay	Provide an income tax credit for long-term care insurance policy premiums
LB160	Gay	Authorize issuance of flood protection and water quality enhancement bonds by natural resources districts
LB161	Pahls	Adopt the Business Provided Sales Tax Holiday Act
LB162	Carlson	Change provisions relating to contractor registration and income tax withholding
LB163	Pankonin	Change school board membership provisions
LB164	Cornett	Change provisions relating to tax incentive programs
LB165	Cornett	Change revenue laws
LB166	Cornett	Change provisions relating to property tax
LB167	Avery	Provide for discount program participation and electronic funds transfers for state employees
LB168	Avery	Provide for reverse auctions by the state purchasing bureau
LB169	Hadley	State intent relating to appropriations to the Department of Health and Human Services for the medical assistance program
LB170	Wightman	Change temporary conservator appointment provisions
LB171	Nantkes	Change a research tax credit
LB172	Gay	Change the False Medicaid Claims Act and create a fund
LB173	Gay	Provide for relabeling and redispensing of prescription drugs at certain correctional facilities
LB174	Lathrop	Change vehicle registration and fee provisions for cities of the metropolitan class
LB175	Lathrop	Change provisions for replacing lost license plates
LB176	Lathrop	Prohibit use of credit information for insurance purposes and repeal the model act
LB177	Lathrop	Change security freeze provisions relating to credit reports
LB178	Lathrop	State intent relating to appropriations to the Department of Health and Human Services for developmental disability aid
LB179	Natural Resources Committee	Change project limit adjustments under the Nebraska Resources Development Fund
LB180	Natural Resources Committee	Change provisions relating to solid waste management
LB181	Fischer	Provide requirements for agreements between railroads and telecommunications carriers
LB182	Pankonin	Appropriate funds to the Department of Economic Development
LB183	Fischer	Provide requirements for the sale of an exchange under the Nebraska Telecommunications Regulation Act
LB184	Louden	Authorize Department of Natural Resources to administer riparian water rights
LB185	Louden	Change provisions relating to presentence investigations
LB186	Karpisek	Change sales and use tax collection fees
LB187	Retirement Systems Committee	Change employee deposits under the School Employees Retirement Act
LB188	Retirement Systems Committee	Change provisions of the County Employee Retirement Act and the State Employee Retirement Act
LB189	Pankonin	Change terminology relating to problem gambling services
LB190	Avery	Provide for collection of DNA samples from individuals convicted of a felony
LB191	Fulton	Provide for the waiver of a fine or penalty for an information collection requirement for small businesses
LB192	Pahls	Change insurance provisions
LB193	Nantkes	Change a restriction on use of cigarette tax proceeds for bonds
LB194	Nantkes	Change workers' compensation provisions on lump-sum settlements
LB195	Gay	Change the Statewide Trauma System Act
LB196	Gay	Change loan agreement provisions under the Rural Health Systems and Professional Incentive Act
LB197	Fulton	Change provisions relating to the Nebraska educational savings plan
LB198	Stuthman	Adopt the Reduced Cigarette Ignition Propensity Act
LB199	Stuthman	Change provisions relating to court support orders and collection of such support
LB200	Janssen	Change motorcycle and moped helmet requirements
LB201	McGill	Change the Uniform Child Custody Jurisdiction and Enforcement Act relating to international application
LB202	Transportation & Telecommunications Committee	Provide for electronic certificates of title and lien notification
LB203	Rogert	Eliminate provisions relating to multiple constables and the service or execution of legal process
LB204	Transportation & Telecommunications Committee	Change certain commercial motor vehicle penalty provisions
LB205	Nordquist	Require educational and ethics training for board members of certain retirement systems
LB206	Nantkes	Adopt the In the Line of Duty Dependent Education Act
LB207	Avery	Change provisions governing the Governor's residence and powers of the Department of Administrative Services and the Director of Administrative Services

NEW BILLS.....

Jan. 13, 2009

Bill	Introducer	One-line Description
LB208	Lautenbaugh	Add false information about employees to the crime of fraudulent insurance act and to the Insurance Fraud Act
LB209	Langemeier	Change provisions relating to time for construction of irrigation projects and dams
LB210	Langemeier	Change provisions relating to aid to natural resources districts
LB211	Pirsch	Provide for issuance of certain license plates to spouses of veterans
LB212	Cornett	Authorize single commissioner hearings before the Tax Equalization and Review Commission
LB213	Cornett	Change Tax Equalization and Review Commission provisions
LB214	Cornett	Redefine nail technology under the Uniform Credentialing Act
LB215	Fischer	Create the School Finance Review Committee
LB216	Wallman	Eliminate civil liability provisions relating to motor vehicle and aircraft guest statutes
LB217	Louden	Provide requirements for electrical entities placing wires across railroad rights-of-way
LB218	Cornett	Change, eliminate, and provide state aid to various political subdivisions
LB219	Flood	Transfer responsibility of the highway safety program to the Department of Roads from the Department of Motor Vehicles
LB220	Gloor	Change provisions relating to pharmacy practice and pharmaceuticals
LB221	Nordquist	Change provisions relating to payment of school funds
LB222	Giese	Restrict issuance of learner's permits
LB223	Nantkes	Classify swimming pools and provide operator requirements
LB224	Carlson	Change Nebraska State Fair and Nebraska State Fair Board provisions
LB225	Haar	Provide for volunteer firefighter license plates
LB226	Rogert	Change the age of majority to eighteen years of age for certain purposes
LB227	Rogert	Adopt the Interior Designers Certification Act
LB228	Rogert	Prohibit school membership in certain activity-regulating organizations
LB229	Fischer	Adopt federal regulations and change operator's license and state identification card provisions
LB230	Stuthman	Eliminate integrated practice agreements for nurse practitioners
LB231	Avery	Change Rural Development Commission membership provisions
LB232	Nordquist	Permit sales of alcoholic liquor by community college culinary programs
LB233	Adams	Exempt mineral oil to be applied to grain as a dust suppressant from sales and use taxes
LB234	Adams	Change a sales and use tax exemption relating to fuel and energy
LB235	Adams	Provide the Board of Educational Lands and Funds with the power to issue leases relating to solar and wind energy and enter into contracts relating to carbon sequestration rights
LB236	Lathrop	Appropriate funds to the Department of Health and Human Services
LB237	Lathrop	Adopt the Interstate Compact for Juveniles
LB238	Lathrop	Adopt the Public Power Infrastructure Protection Act and change penalty provisions regarding trespass
LB239	Lathrop	Provide a homestead property tax exemption for certain disabled veterans
LB240	Pahls	Require a minimum level of expenditures for direct classroom instruction
LB241	Pahls	Change the Commercial Dog and Cat Operator Inspection Act
LB242	Karpisek	Increase the mandatory retirement age under the Nebraska State Patrol Retirement Act
LB243	Nantkes	Provide for annual adjustment for workers' compensation total disability income benefits
LB244	Coash	Add Tramadol and Carisoprodol to schedules of controlled substances
LR5CA	Friend	Constitutional amendment to change legislative term limits to three consecutive terms

Jan. 14, 2009

Bill	Introducer	One-line Description
LB245	Dubas	Change provisions governing unlawful obstruction of railroad crossings
LB246	Dubas	Reestablish the Biopower Steering Committee and provide for a strategic biotechnology plan
LB247	Dubas	Require accreditation of the Division of Children and Family Services of the Department of Health and Human Services
LB248	Dubas	Change income tax credit provisions
LB249	Fulton	Change sales tax collection fees
LB250	Gloor	Change physician assistant provisions
LB251	Cornett	Update references to the Internal Revenue Code
LB252	Cornett	Prohibit possession of animal fighting paraphernalia
LB253	Ashford	Adopt a new Nebraska Juvenile Code and change child abuse reporting and registry, child relinquishment, and Foster Care Review Act provisions
LB254	Dubas	Require a Nebraska aerial pesticide business license for aerial pesticide application
LB255	Harms	Require lap-shoulder belts in school buses
LB256	Harms	Appropriate funds to the Game and Parks Commission
LB257	Harms	Eliminate the Seamless Delivery System Pilot Project

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LB258	Harms	Change and provide penalties for minors in possession of alcoholic liquor
LB259	Utter	Clarify Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation coverage with respect to public funds
LB260	Rogert	Adopt the Nebraska Claims for Wrongful Conviction and Imprisonment Act
LB261	Rogert	Provide for use of machine-readable information encoded on drivers' licenses and state identification cards
LB262	Rogert	Change times relating to alcoholic liquor sales and lottery sales as prescribed
LB263	Rogert	Provide that state law preempts local law for the Nebraska Seed Law and the Nebraska Commercial Fertilizer and Soil Conditioner Act
LB264	Fischer	Change motor fuel tax calculations
LB265	Giese	Change the Sexual Predator Residency Restriction Act
LB266	Karpisek	Adopt the Racetrack Gaming Act and change provisions relating to horseracing
LB267	Lathrop	Prohibit mandatory overtime for state employees providing services to individuals in residential care
LB268	Lathrop	Require liability insurance as prescribed for child care licensees
LB269	Heidemann	Change Nebraska Tobacco Settlement Trust Fund, Nebraska Health Care Cash Fund, and Stem Cell Research Cash Fund provisions
LB270	Haar	Create a homestead property tax exemption
LB271	Haar	Adopt the Car Tax Reduction Act
LB272	Friend	Redefine underground facility for purposes of the one-call notification system
LB273	Ashford	Change sheriff's fees and handgun certificate fees
LB274	Christensen	Authorize the Director of Correctional Services to assign felony offenders to an incarceration work camp as prescribed
LB275	McGill	Require crisis, information, and referral services relating to behavioral health
LB276	Nordquist	Change criminal mischief provisions and prohibit defacement
LB277	Mello	Prohibit the purchase of spray paint and industrial-strength marking pens by minors
LB278	Mello	Permit municipalities to allow pedestrians to solicit in roadways
LB279	Avery	Require notification to military installations regarding development of real property
LB280	Avery	Create the Commission on Military Affairs
LB281	Mello	Change educational service unit board membership provisions
LB282	Mello	Adopt the Nebraska Advantage Film Production Incentive Act
LB283	Cornett	Change community college aid calculations
LB284	Fulton	Authorize employment restrictions for sexual predators
LB285	Pirsch	Change Sex Offender Registration Act provisions
LB286	General Affairs Committee	Change distribution of lottery funds
LB287	General Affairs Committee	Change provisions relating to the definite profit of pickle cards
LR6CA	Karpisek	Constitutional amendment to authorize and regulate racetrack gaming

Jan. 15, 2009

Bill	Introducer	One-line Description
LB288	Health and Human Services Committee	Change provisions relating to health and human services
LB289	Christensen	Appropriate funds to the Game and Parks Commission
LB290	Stuthman	Require criminal history background checks on individuals who transport vulnerable adults and children under contracts with the Department of Health and Human Services
LB291	Lathrop	Require rules and regulations regarding safety, care, and habilitation of persons receiving developmental disabilities services
LB292	Lathrop	Adopt the Nebraska Uniform Athlete Agents Act
LB293	Nantkes	Adopt the Short-Term Lenders Act and eliminate the Delayed Deposit Services Licensing Act
LB294	Campbell	Change the length of time for county building levies
LB295	Campbell	Provide and change recording requirements for filings with the register of deeds
LB296	Dubas	Change a reciprocal sales and use tax exemption
LB297	Dubas	Adopt the Nebraska Beginning Farmer and Small Business Linked Deposit Loan Act
LB298	Harms	Appropriate funds to the Department of Economic Development
LB299	Harms	Add a member to the Nebraska Safety Center Advisory Council established by the Board of Regents
LB300	Heidemann	Change bidding requirements for public power and irrigation districts
LB301	Gloor	Repeal exemption from fees for medical records
LB302	Campbell	Change provisions relating to transfer of a homestead exemption
LB303	Nordquist	Exempt social security benefits from income tax
LB304	Council	Change limitation of action provisions under the Political Subdivisions Tort Claims Act
LB305	Council	Include state identification card holders in jury lists
LB306	Council	Repeal the death penalty and replace it with life imprisonment without possibility of parole

NEW BILLS.....

LB307	Council	Change sentencing requirements with respect to certain minors
LB308	Heidemann	Change levy provisions for rural and suburban fire protection districts
LB309	Schilz	Provide a capital gains exemption for sale of certain assets
LB310	Haar	Change provisions relating to deaf and hard of hearing persons
LB311	Speaker Flood	Provide for deficit appropriations
LB312	Speaker Flood	Appropriate funds for salaries of members of the Legislature
LB313	Speaker Flood	Appropriate funds for salaries of constitutional officers
LB314	Speaker Flood	Appropriate funds for capital construction
LB315	Speaker Flood	Appropriate funds for state government expenses
LB316	Speaker Flood	Change provisions relating to certain funds and provide for transfers of funds
LB317	Speaker Flood	Provide for transfers from the Cash Reserve Fund
LB318	Speaker Flood	Change provisions governing depreciation charges for capital improvement projects
LB319	Speaker Flood	Change provisions relating to child care reimbursement
LB320	Friend	Change highway funding provisions and motor fuel taxes
LB321	Avery	Provide for state employees to participate in mentoring programs
LB322	Avery	Prohibit nepotism and supervision of family members by executive branch officials and employees
LB323	Fulton	Change distribution of motor vehicle tax proceeds
LB324	Nelson	Provide for designation of voting entrances and change restrictions on electioneering
LB325	Nelson	Change provisions relating to elections
LB326	Rogert	Change provisions relating to the Comprehensive Health Insurance Pool Act
LB327	Pahls	Change Department of Banking provisions
LB328	Pahls	Change banking, mortgage bankers, and installment loan provisions
LB329	Cornett	Provide for firefighter license plates and training for emergency response personnel
LB330	Transportation & Telecommunications Committee	Change telecommunications provisions relating to the Public Service Commission
LB331	Transportation & Telecommunications Committee	Change Department of Motor Vehicles provisions
LB332	Ashford	Change provisions relating to courts
LB333	Ashford	Increase and provide for court fees
LB334	Giese	Designate the state expressway system and change provisions relating to highway planning
LB335	Friend	Require electronic employee verification for certain tax incentives
LB336	Friend	Exempt municipal water from sales tax
LB337	Friend	Change restrictions on advertising and promotional materials relating to the Nebraska educational savings plan trust
LB338	Friend	Change weed height requirements for cities and villages
LB339	Friend	Change community development authority provisions relating to cities and villages
LB340	Cook	Require the Coordinating Commission for Postsecondary Education to evaluate community college system
LB341	Cook	Change provisions relating to tuberculosis detection and prevention
LB342	Gay	Provide duties for the Department of Health and Human Services relating to payment for pediatric feeding disorder treatment
LB343	Ashford	Designate the time a judge's term ends
LB344	Ashford	Change administration of the Civil Legal Services Program
LB345	Gay	Change juvenile court jurisdiction to exclude school truancy
LB346	Gay	Require the Department of Health and Human Services to provide services relating to children's behavioral health and adoption and guardianship families
LB347	Cornett	Eliminate governmental agency liability with respect to dogs
LB348	Janssen	Change access and fee provisions relating to real estate tax statements
LB349	Lautenbaugh	Change provisions relating to recall of elected officials
LB350	Lautenbaugh	Change provisions relating to real estate tracts and the designation of industrial areas
LB351	Lautenbaugh	Provide for charging orders against a limited liability company member's transferable interest
LB352	Lautenbaugh	Change civil procedure service of summons provisions
LB353	Lautenbaugh	Change pleading provisions in an action for disputed corners and boundaries
LB354	Lautenbaugh	Provide for cross-appeals in contested cases under the Administrative Procedure Act
LB355	Lautenbaugh	Authorize cigar bars under the Nebraska Liquor Control Act and provide duties for owners of cigar bars

NEW BILLS.....

Jan. 16, 2009

Bill	Introducer	One-line Description
LB356	Dubas	Provide behavioral health services for children without parental relinquishment of custody
LB357	Hadley	Change the cigarette tax collection commission
LB358	Pahls	Change the Comprehensive Health Insurance Pool Act
LB359	Nelson	Change provisions relating to the Nebraska Cultural Preservation Endowment Fund
LB360	Cook	Authorize creation of a land reutilization authority by a city of the metropolitan class
LB361	Avery	Change roll call provisions under the Open Meetings Act
LB362	Avery	Change requirements for candidate filing forms
LB363	Avery	Prohibit certain expenditures by campaign committees
LB364	Pankonin	Permit school districts to exceed expenditure limits for costs relating to voluntary termination agreements
LB365	Pankonin	Change retirement annuity provisions under the Judges Retirement Act
LB366	Pankonin	Increase the mandatory contribution rate under the State Employees Retirement Act
LB367	Gloor	Change health care certificate of need provisions
LB368	Mello	Change point system violation regarding reckless driving and willful reckless driving
LB369	Nantkes	Appropriate funds for the Every Woman Matters Program
LB370	Nantkes	Require a medicaid waiver application for family planning services
LB371	Campbell	Change Medicaid Reform Plan and Medicaid Reform Council provisions
LB372	Campbell	Change provisions relating to the release of driver's license digital images or digital signatures
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