



# SIERRA CLUB

## NEBRASKA CHAPTER

**To:** Nebraska Chapter of the Sierra Club  
**From:** James P. Cavanaugh  
**Date:** April 20, 2018  
**RE:** Nebraska 2018 Legislative Session,

### 2018 Session Wrap Up

#### The Session

The 2018 session of the Nebraska Unicameral Legislature came to a close on April 18. As this was the second year of the two-year biennial, all bills not passed automatically died. Only 469 bills were introduced in this “short” 60 day session. As it turned out, that was more than enough to consider, as the body struggled to deal with just the individual Senator, Committee and Speaker priority bills.

The Legislature had one major responsibility and that was to fund a mid-biennium budget due to low revenue receipts. The University of Nebraska pushed back stronger than ever on cuts but, in the end, revised revenue projections from the Economic Forecasting Board helped alleviate some of the pain to the University and state agencies. Gov. Ricketts and the majority Republican legislature had made it clear the last two years that any sort of tax increase was off the table.

#### What's Next

The next regular session of the legislature will begin January 9, 2019.

More than 100 interim study resolutions have been offered for possible consideration between now and the end of the calendar year. Many of these will not be given time by the respective committee chair, but some will receive public hearings later this summer and in the fall. We will continue to pour through and identify all of potential interest to IIAN.

Two major initiatives are currently seeking enough signatures to appear on the November general election ballot. One would expand Medicaid and the other would offer a state income tax credit or refund on 50% of the property taxes paid toward education. The property tax measure is estimated as a \$1.1 billion annual expense to the state. If either of these measures are successful, it will make for some tough decision making in the 2019 legislature. All taxes, incentives and exemptions will be on the table.

With elections this November, the make up of the legislature will change next year. Half of the legislative districts are up for consideration. Six senators are barred from running again due to term limits, two chose not to seek reelection and two others are campaigning for a different office. This could change the leadership of the body next year and most certainly will have an impact on the constitution of the committees.

As was suspected would be the case, the 2018 edition of the Nebraska Legislature was not particularly productive. Even with a 100+ bill spurt on the last two days.

YEAR	2017	2018	TWO-YEARS	2017 as %	2018 as %	2 YR as %
Carried Over	0	343				
Introduced	667	469	1136			
Became Law	170	131	301	25%	<b>16%</b>	26%
Gov. rejected	4	2	6	1%	0%	1%
awaiting Gov	0	24	24	0%	3%	2%
STRANDED	114	181	181	17%	<b>22%</b>	16%
on Final Reading	0	1	1			
on Select File	9	10	10			
on General File	105	170	170			
Indef Postponed	62	12	74	9%	1%	7%
Withdrawn	11	7	18	2%	1%	2%
Stuck in Committee	343	605	605	51%	<b>56%</b>	53%
Carried Over	<b>343</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>			
Leg Resolutions	260	236	496			

### Sierra Club Bills

The Sierra Club was PRO on 15 bills; was ANTI on 3 bills, and merely monitoring 32 bills. Of the 15 PRO bills 2 passed (coordinate on ground water; black footed prairie dog) and 1 was withdrawn (KXL pipeline); the other 13 died. Of the 3 ANTI bills 2 passed (access to public power info; increase speed limit) and 1 died (stop wind power). Of the 32 merely monitor bills 10 passed, 1 was withdrawn, 1 was indefinitely postponed, and the other 20 died with the end of the session.

The following bills of interest to the Sierra Club have passed and now have the **Governor's signature**:

- LB901** Bostelman **M**  
Require Director of Aeronautics to consult with the Military Department in certain structure permitting decisions
- LB1000E** Briese **M**  
Require a bond election under the Public Facilities Construction and Finance Act. **4/17/18 Signed by Governor. Emergency clause. Effective immediately.**
- LB1009** Murante **Anti**  
Provide a super-two rural highway classification and change maximum highway speed limits as prescribed
- LB1008E** Bostelman **Anti w/ Committee Amendments**  
Increase amounts of liquidated damages for certain violations of the Game Law **LB1008 is now an Omnibus bill which incorporates AM2191 and AM2292 that killed LB822** (DNR coordinate with other agencies); **as well as added LBs 713 and 761** (Oil & Gas Comm. \$400 per diem), **and LB820** (procedure for PRB to grant

waiver for failure to notify PRB ).

**4/11/18 Signed by Governor. Emergency clause. Effective immediately.**

On the final, 60<sup>th</sup> day, the Legislature passed on Final Reading and sent to the Governor for his signature:

**LB449** Chambers SC **PRO**  
Repeal the Black-Tailed Prairie Dog Management Act.  
**Final Reading vote of 26 yes, 13 no, and 10 not voting.**

**TODAY:**

The Governor has five days, excluding Sundays and holidays, to act upon legislation passed by the Unicameral Legislature (see, Constitution Art. IV, sec. XV). On Wednesday, April 18th, the 60th day of this just completed short session, the Legislature passed 24 bills. Today, April 23rd is that fifth day. 2018 bills become law effective on July 19, 2018, three calendar months after the Legislature adjourned; unless (1) the bill included a specific operative date, or (2) the bill included an emergency clause in which case that bill becomes effective the day after it was signed by the Governor.

If the Governor returns a bill to the Clerk of the Legislature without his signature (and with his objections), then the bill is vetoed; and, is subject to override by 3/5ths vote (i.e., 30 out of 49). Since the Legislature has adjourned sine die it cannot override any vetoes. Also, during the session, if the Governor holds a passed bill more than five days it becomes law without the Governor's signature. Since the Legislature has adjourned sine die the Governor can do a pocket veto by merely holding a bill for more than five days.

The Governor has returned all 24 bills to the Clerk of Legislature. Three of those 24 (LB449, LB873, LB998) were without his signature and with his objections; thus, vetoed.

**Of interest to the Sierra Club, the Governor vetoed LB 449, Senator Chamber's Repeal the Black-Tailed Prairie Dog Management Act.**

The bills the Governor vetoed were LB 873 (Urban Affairs Committee's catch all bill on local issues), LB 998 (Senator Walz's Create the Collaborative School Behavioral and Mental Health Program) and LB 449, Senator Chamber's Repeal the Black-Tailed Prairie Dog Management Act.

Between sessions the Legislature is still active with Interim Studies. We will be monitoring the list of Interim Studies which won't begin in earnest until late summer and early fall. *Please see the final page of this report for a listing of ISRs of interest to the Sierra Club.*

Thank you for the opportunity to represent you in the Nebraska Legislature.

To review the full text of bills or resolutions, please look on the Unicameral website at: <http://www.nebraskalegislature.gov>. Fiscal notes can also be found there.

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**BILLS OF INTEREST INTRODUCED 2018**

<b>LB713</b>	Erdman	<b>M</b>	Change compensation of members of the Nebraska Oil and Gas Conservation Commission 1/3/2018 Bill introduced 1/8/2018 Referred to Natural Resources Committee 2/12/2018 Notice of Hearing for 2/22/2018 <b>LB713 amended into LB1008 via AM2292.</b>
<b>LB722</b>	Wayne	<b>Pro</b>	Provide a renewable energy electric power generation requirement for certain public power and irrigation districts 1/3/2018 Bill introduced 1/8/2018 Referred to Natural Resources Cmte 2/12/2018 Notice of Hearing for 2/21/2018
<b>LB723</b>	Wayne	<b>Pro</b>	Change net metering provisions by redefining qualified facility and increasing the rated capacity limit as prescribed 1/3/2018 Bill introduced 1/8/2018 Referred to Natural Resources Cmte 2/12/2018 Notice of Hearing for 2/21/2018
<b>LB752</b>	Brewer	<b>M</b>	Limit the authority of certain political subdivisions to acquire rights-of-way 1/3/2018 Bill introduced 1/8/2018 Referred to Judiciary Committee 1/25/2018 Notice of Hearing for 2/8/2018 2/6/2018 Brewer AM1804 filed 2/7/2018 Brewer AM1824 filed
<b>LB754</b>	Brewer	<b>Pro</b>	Authorize purchase of state park permits while registering a motor vehicle online 1/3/2018 Bill introduced 1/8/2018 Referred to Natural Resources Cmte 1/18/2018 Notice of Hearing for 1/25/2018
<b>LB758</b>	Hughes	<b>Pro</b>	Require collaboration between natural resources districts and counties under the Nebraska Ground Water Management and Protection Act 1/3/2018 Bill introduced 1/8/2018 Referred to Natural Resources Committee 1/10/2018 Notice of Hearing for 1/17/2018 1/22/2018 <b>Natural Resources Priority Bill</b> 1/22/2018 Natural Resources AM1573 filed 1/22/2018 Placed on General File with AM1573 1/24/2018 Nat. Res. AM1573 pending 1/24/2018 Chambers FA92 filed 1/24/2018 Chambers FA92 pending

1/24/2018 Chambers MO184 Indefinitely postpone filed  
 1/24/2018 Groene name added  
 1/25/2018 Chambers FA92 pending  
 1/25/2018 Chambers MO186 Bracket Until April 28, 2018 filed  
 1/25/2018 Chambers MO186 pending  
 1/25/2018 Chambers MO186 failed  
 1/30/2018 Chambers MO192 Reconsider the Vote to Bracket filed  
 1/30/2018 Chambers MO192 failed  
 1/30/2018 Chambers FA92 lost  
 1/30/2018 Chambers MO193 Reconsider the Vote on FA92 filed  
 1/30/2018 Chambers MO193 failed  
 1/30/2018 Hughes MO194 Invoke Cloture filed  
 1/30/2018 Hughes MO194 prevailed  
 1/30/2018 Natural Resources AM1573 adopted  
 1/30/2018 Advanced to Enrollment and Review Initial  
 1/31/2018 Placed on Select File with ER103  
 1/31/2018 Enrollment and Review ER103 filed  
 2/12/2018 E&R ER103 Adopted  
 2/12/2018 Chambers AM1866 Filed  
 2/12/2018 Chambers AM1866 Lost  
 2/12/2018 Chambers MO209 Reconsider the vote on AM1866 Filed  
 2/12/2018 Chambers MO209 Failed  
 2/12/2018 Chambers MO184 Failed  
 2/12/2018 Chambers MO211 Reconsider the vote to indefinitely  
 postpone filed  
 2/12/2018 Chambers MO211 failed  
 2/12/2018 Hughes MO210 Invoke cloture filed  
 2/12/2018 Hughes MO210 prevailed  
 2/12/2018 Advanced to Enrollment and Review for Engrossment  
 2/14/2018 Placed on Final Reading  
 2/23/2018 Motion to Return to Select File Failed  
 2/23/2018 Chambers FA107 Filed  
 2/23/2018 Chambers FA107 Withdrawn  
 2/23/2018 **Passed** on Final Reading with Emergency Clause  
 2/28/2018 **Signed by the Governor**

**LB761** Hughes **M** Change compensation provisions relating to the Nebraska  
 Oil and Gas Conservation Commission  
 11/3/2018 Bill introduced  
 1/8/2018 Referred to Natural Resources Committee  
 2/12/2018 Notice of Hearing for 2/22/2018  
**LB761 amended into LB1008 via AM2292.**

**LB762** Hughes **M** Change a date for certain scrap tire recycling grants  
 1/3/2018 Bill introduced  
 1/8/2018 Referred to Natural Resources Cmte  
 1/17/2018 Notice of Hearing for 1/24/2018

**LB763** Harr **M** Prohibit obstruction of a public power district employee

	1/3/2018		Bill introduced
	1/8/2018		Referred to Judiciary Cmte
	1/30/2018		Notice of Hearing for 2/21/2018
<b>LB764</b>	Crawford	<b>M</b>	Exempt certain operations from the definition of a food establishment under the Nebraska Pure Food Act
	1/3/2018		Bill introduced
	1/8/2018		Referred to Agriculture Committee
	1/11/2018		Notice of Hearing for 1/23/2018
<b>LB769</b>	Quick	<b>Pro</b>	Adopt the Midwest Interstate Passenger Rail Compact
	1/3/2018		Bill introduced
	1/8/2018		Referred to Transportation and Telecommunications Committee
	1/10/2018		Notice of Hearing for 1/23/2018
<b>LB772</b>	Walz	<b>M</b>	Change provisions relating to agricultural land that receives special valuation
	1/3/2018		Bill introduced
	1/8/2018		Referred to Revenue Cmte
	1/10/2018		Notice of Hearing for 1/19/2018
<b>LB808</b>	Harr	<b>Pro</b>	Change provisions relating to community gardens and seed libraries
	1/4/2018		Bill introduced
	1/8/2018		Referred to Agriculture Committee
	1/11/2018		Notice of Hearing for 1/23/2018
	2/20/2018		<b>Agriculture Committee Priority Bill</b>
	2/26/2018		Agriculture AM1907 Filed
	2/26/2018		Placed on General File with AM1907
	3/8/2018		Ag AM1907 Lost
	3/8/2018		Friesen AM 2312 Filed
	3/8/2018		Friesen AMPending
<b>LB820</b>	Hughes	<b>M</b>	Change provisions relating to privately developed renewable energy generation facilities
	1/4/2018		Bill introduced
	1/8/2018		Referred to Natural Resources Cmte
	1/24/2018		Notice of Hearing for 1/31/2018
	<b>LB820 amended into LB1008 via AM2292.</b>		
<b>LB821</b>	Hughes	<b>M</b>	Change provisions relating to assessments by the Nebraska Power Review Board
	1/4/2018		Bill introduced
	1/8/2018		Referred to Natural Resources Cmte
	1/31/2018		Hughes MO195 Withdraw Bill filed
	2/1/2018		Hughes MO195 prevailed

<b>LB822</b>	2/1/2018 Hughes	<b>M</b>	<b>BILL WITHDRAWN</b> Change provisions relating to the Department of Natural Resources
	1/4/2018		Bill Introduced
	1/8/2018		Referred to Natural Resources Committee
	1/10/2018		Notice of Hearing for 1/18/2018
	2/28/2018		Hughes AM2191 Filed
	2/28/2018		Notice of Hearing for March 7, 2018 on AM2191
	<b>LB822 is, in effect, DEAD. LB822 has been replaced by AM2191. AM2191 has been amended by AM2292, which replaces LB1008.</b>		
<b>LB901</b>	Bostelman	<b>M</b>	Require Director of Aeronautics to consult with the Military Department in certain structure permitting decisions
	1/8/18		Date of Introduction
	1/9/18		Referred to Transportation and Telecommunications Cmte
	1/10/18		Notice of Hearing for 1/22/18
	2/20/18		T&T AM1726 Filed
	2/20/18		Placed on General File with AM1726
	2/21/18		Speaker Priority Bill
	3/15/18		Trans&Telecom AM1726 Adopted
	3/15/18		Advanced to Enrollment and Review Initial
	3/20/18		ER135 Filed
	3/20/18		Placed on Select File with ER135
	<b>4/11/18</b>		<b>Passed Final Read 47-0-2</b>
	<b>4/11/18</b>		<b>President/Speaker signed</b>
	<b>4/17/18</b>		<b>Signe by Governor</b>
<b>LB908</b>	Baker	<b>M</b>	Provide a disposal exception for tires used in a building system and eliminate obsolete provisions under the Integrated Solid Waste Management Act
	1/8/2018		Bill introduced
	1/9/2018		Referred to Natural Resources Cmte
	2/6/2018		Notice of Hearing for 2/15/2018

**LB944** Speaker Scheer APPR "Provide, change, and eliminate provisions relating to appropriations and reduce appropriations"

**Please note inverse order of dates on this bill.**

**Apr 04, 2018** **Approved by Governor on April 04, 2018**  
 Apr 03, 2018 Presented to Governor on April 03, 2018  
 Apr 03, 2018 President/Speaker signed  
**Apr 03, 2018** **Passed on Final Reading with Emergency Clause 38-6-5**  
 Apr 03, 2018 Dispensing of reading at large approved  
 Apr 03, 2018 Chambers MO306 withdrawn  
 Apr 03, 2018 Morfeld MO309 withdrawn  
 Apr 03, 2018 Morfeld MO309 Recommit to Appropriations Committee filed  
 Mar 28, 2018 Placed on Final Reading with ST50  
 Mar 28, 2018 Chambers FA142 filed

Mar 28, 2018 Chambers MO306 Bracket until April 18, 2018 filed  
Mar 28, 2018 Advanced to Enrollment and Review for Engrossment  
Mar 28, 2018 Stinner MO307 prevailed  
Mar 28, 2018 Stinner MO307 Invoke cloture filed  
Mar 28, 2018 Scheer AM2750 adopted  
Mar 28, 2018 Scheer AM2750 pending  
Mar 28, 2018 Scheer AM2750 filed  
Mar 23, 2018 Stinner MO295 failed  
Mar 23, 2018 Stinner MO295 Invoke cloture filed  
Mar 23, 2018 Pansing Brooks AM2346 pending  
Mar 23, 2018 Pansing Brooks AM2346 pending  
Mar 23, 2018 Wishart AM2514 withdrawn  
Mar 21, 2018 Stinner MO279 failed  
Mar 21, 2018 Stinner MO279 Invoke cloture filed  
Mar 21, 2018 Wishart AM2514 pending  
Mar 21, 2018 Wishart AM2514 pending  
Mar 21, 2018 Erdman AM2405 lost  
Mar 21, 2018 Erdman AM2405 pending  
Mar 21, 2018 Krist AM2289 adopted  
Mar 21, 2018 Stinner AM2464 adopted  
Mar 21, 2018 Enrollment and Review ER129 adopted  
Mar 20, 2018 Speaker Major Proposal  
Mar 20, 2018 Wishart AM2515 filed  
Mar 20, 2018 Wishart AM2514 filed  
Mar 20, 2018 Stinner AM2464 filed



**Mar 14, 2018**      **Placed on Select File with ER129**  
Mar 14, 2018      Enrollment and Review ER129 filed  
Mar 13, 2018      Chambers MO260 Recommit to Appropriations Committee filed  
Mar 13, 2018      Chambers FA117 filed  
Mar 13, 2018      Chambers FA116 filed  
Mar 13, 2018      Bolz AM2410 filed  
Mar 13, 2018      Bolz AM2408 filed  
Mar 13, 2018      Schumacher AM2356 filed  
Mar 13, 2018      Erdman AM2407 filed  
Mar 13, 2018      Erdman AM2405 filed  
Mar 13, 2018      Pansing Brooks AM2346 filed  
Mar 13, 2018      Advanced to Enrollment and Review Initial  
Mar 13, 2018      Appropriations AM1699 adopted  
Mar 13, 2018      Stinner MO261 prevailed  
Mar 13, 2018      Stinner MO261 Invoke cloture filed  
Mar 13, 2018      Bolz AM2274 withdrawn  
Mar 13, 2018      Morfeld MO259 withdrawn  
Mar 13, 2018      Morfeld MO259 pending  
Mar 13, 2018      Morfeld MO259 Bracket until April 18, 2018 filed  
Mar 13, 2018      Bolz AM2274 pending  
Mar 13, 2018      Appropriations AM1699 pending  
Mar 09, 2018      Krist AM2289 filed  
Mar 09, 2018      Appropriations AM1699 filed  
Mar 09, 2018      Placed on General File with AM1699  
Mar 08, 2018      Bolz AM2274 filed  
Jan 22, 2018      Notice of hearing for February 05, 2018  
Jan 11, 2018      Notice of hearing for January 22, 2018  
Jan 11, 2018      Referred to Appropriations Committee  
Jan 10, 2018      Date of introduction

**LB945** Speaker Scheer APPR "Create funds and authorize, change, provide, and eliminate fund transfer provisions"

1/10/18      Date of Introduction  
1/11/18      Referred to Appropriations Committee  
1/11/18      Notice of Hearing for 1/22/18  
3/9/18      Placed on General File with AM1700  
3/9/18      Appropriations AM1700 Filed  
3/9/18      Krist AM2288 Filed  
3/13/18      Appropriations AM1700 Adopted  
3/13/18      Krist AM2288 Adopted  
3/13/18      Advanced to Enrollment and Review Initial  
3/14/18      Enrollment and Review ER128 Filed  
**3/14/18**      **Placed on Select File with ER128**  
3/20/18      Stinner AM2463 Filed  
3/21/18      Stinner AM2463 Adopted  
3/21/18      Advanced to E&R for Engrossment  
3/21/18      ER128 Adopted  
**3/21/18**      **Placed on Final Reading**  
4/3/18      Presented to Governor on April 03, 2018  
4/3/18      President/Speaker signed

4/3/18 Dispensing of reading at large approved  
**4/3/18 Passed on Final Reading with Emergency Clause 41-4-4**  
**4/4/18 Approved by Governor on April 04, 2018**

**LB946** Speaker Scheer APPR "Change provisions relating to the Cash Reserve Fund"

1/10/18 Date of Introduction  
1/11/18 Referred to Appropriations Committee  
1/11/18 Notice of Hearing for 1/22/18  
3/9/18 Appropriations AM1701 Filed  
3/9/18 Placed on General File with AM1701  
3/12/18 Chambers AM2368 Filed  
3/13/18 Appropriations AM1701 Adopted  
3/13/18 Chambers AM2368 Withdrawn  
3/13/18 Chambers MO254 Bracket until 4/18/18 Filed and Failed  
3/13/18 Chambers MO255 Reconsider the vote to bracket Filed and Failed  
3/13/18 Chambers MO257 Indefinitely Filed and Failed  
3/13/18 Chambers MO258 Reconsider the vote to indefinitely postpone  
Filed and Failed  
3/13/18 E&R ER127 Filed  
3/13/18 Placed on Select file with ER127  
3/21/18 Advanced to E&R for Engrossment  
3/21/18 ER127 adopted  
**3/21/18 Placed on Final Reading**  
4/3/18 Presented to Governor on April 03, 2018  
4/3/18 President/Speaker signed  
**4/3/18 Passed on Final Reading with Emergency Clause 40-5-4**  
**4/4/18 Approved by Governor on April 04, 2018**

**LB1000E** Briese **M** Require a bond election under the Public Facilities  
Construction and Finance Act  
1/16/2018 bill introduced  
1/18/2018 Referred to Government, Military and Veterans Affairs  
Cmte  
1/25/2018 Notice of Hearing for 2/1/2018  
2/23/208 GMVA AM1717 Filed  
2/23/2019 Placed on **General File** with AM1717  
3/27/18 GMVA AM1717 Adopted  
3/27/18 Advanced to E&R Initial  
4/3/18 Placed on Select File with ER161  
4/3/18 Enrollment and Review ER161 filed  
4/4/18 Enrollment and Review ER161 adopted  
4/4/18 Advanced to Enrollment and Review for Engrossment  
4/6/18 Placed on Final Reading  
**4/11/18 Passed on final Read w/Emergency Clause 46-0-3**  
**4/11/18 Signed by President speaker**  
**4/17/18 Signed by Governor. Effective immediately.**

**LB1008E** Bostelman **Anti w/ Committee Amendments** Increase amounts of liquidated damages for certain violations of the Game Law

1/16/2018 Bill introduced

1/18/2018 Referred to Natural Resources Cmte

2/6/2018 Notice of Hearing for 2/14/2018

**2/20/2018 Natural Resources Priority Bill**

3/8/2018 Natural Resources AM2292 Filed

3/8/2018 Placed on **General File with AM2292**

Mar 22, 2018 Wayne AM2557 filed

Mar 22, 2018 Wayne MO285 Refer bill to Reference Committee for rereferencing filed

Mar 22, 2018 Brewer AM2609 filed

Mar 22, 2018 Larson motion to overrule Chair failed

Mar 22, 2018 Chair ruled Natural Resources AM2564 is properly before the Legislature and complied with appropriate committee procedures

Mar 22, 2018 Larson point of order

Mar 22, 2018 Natural Resources AM2564 pending

Mar 22, 2018 Chambers MO286 withdrawn

Mar 22, 2018 Chambers MO286 Bracket until April 18, 2018 filed

Mar 22, 2018 Larson motion to overrule Chair failed

Mar 22, 2018 Chair ruled Larson MO284 was not a priority motion

Mar 22, 2018 Larson point of order 96

Mar 22, 2018 Chair ruled Larson MO284 was out of order

Mar 22, 2018 Larson MO284 pending

Mar 22, 2018 Larson MO284 Recommit to Government, Military and Veterans Affairs Committee filed

Mar 22, 2018 Natural Resources AM2564 pending

Mar 22, 2018 Natural Resources AM2596 filed

Mar 22, 2018 Natural Resources AM2564 filed

Mar 22, 2018 Natural Resources AM2292 divided

Mar 26, 2018 Brewer AM2538 filed

Mar 26, 2018 Advanced to Enrollment and Review Initial

Mar 26, 2018 Natural Resources AM2292 adopted

Mar 26, 2018 Hughes MO298 prevailed

Mar 26, 2018 Hughes MO298 Invoke cloture filed

Mar 26, 2018 Brewer AM2609 lost

Mar 26, 2018 Brewer AM2609 pending

Mar 26, 2018 Brewer AM2609 pending

Mar 26, 2018 Natural Resources AM2564 pending

Mar 27, 2018 Enrollment and Review ER146 filed

Mar 27, 2018 Placed on Select File with ER146

Mar 28, 2018 Larson FA140 filed

Mar 28, 2018 Larson MO304 Recommit to Natural Resources Committee filed

Mar 28, 2018 Advanced to Enrollment and Review for Engrossment

Mar 28, 2018 Wayne AM2656 lost

Mar 28, 2018 Wayne AM2656 filed

Mar 28, 2018 Brewer AM2538 withdrawn

Mar 28, 2018 Wayne AM2557 withdrawn

Mar 28, 2018 Wayne MO285 withdrawn

Mar 28, 2018 Enrollment and Review ER146 adopted

Apr 03, 2018 Placed on Final Reading

Apr 06, 2018 Larson MO304 withdrawn

Apr 06, 2018 Larson FA140 withdrawn  
 Apr 06, 2018 Dispensing of reading at large approved  
**Apr 06, 2018 Passed on Final Reading** with Emergency Clause 42-4-3  
**Apr 06, 2018 President/Speaker signed**  
**Apr 11, 2018 Signed by Governor. Effective immediately.**

**LB1008 is now an Omnibus bill which incorporates AM2191 and AM2292 to LB822, as well as LB713, LB761, LB820.**

<b>LB1009</b>	Murante	<b>Anti</b>	Provide a super-two rural highway classification and change maximum highway speed limits as prescribed
	1/16/2018		Bill introduced
	1/18/2018		Referred to Natural Resources Cmte
	1/26/2018		Notice of Hearing for 2/6/2018
	2/20/2018		<b>Hughes Priority Bill</b>
	2/28/2018		T&T AM1737 Filed
	2/28/2018		Placed on General File with AM1731
	3/7/2018		Smith AM2254 Filed
	3/21/18		T&T AM1737 Adopted
	3/21/18		Smith AM2254 Adopted
	3/21/18		Advanced to E&R Initial
	3/23/18		E&R ER138 Filed
	3/23/18		Placed on Select File
	3/28/18		ER138 Adopted
	3/28/18		Advanced to E&R for Engrossment
	4/3/18		Placed on Final Reading
	<b>4/11/18</b>		<b>Passed on Final Read 44-1-4</b>
	<b>4/11/18</b>		<b>President/Speaker Signed</b>
	<b>4/17/18</b>		<b>Signed by Governor</b>
<b>LB1017</b>	Krist	<b>Pro</b>	Change and eliminate pipeline siting provisions and eminent domain provisions
	1/16/2018		Bill introduced
	1/18/2018		Referred to Natural Resources Cmte
	1/19/2018		Krist MO178 Withdraw Bill filed
	1/24/2018		Krist MO178 prevails
	1/24/2018		<b>BILL WITHDRAWN</b>
<b>LB1019</b>	Clements	<b>M</b>	Change boundaries of Nebraska planning and development regions
	1/16/2018		Bill introduced
	1/18/2018		Referred to Gov't, Military and Vets Affairs Cmte
	1/26/2018		Notice of Hearing for 2/2/2018
	2/23/2018		Placed on General File
<b>LB1025</b>	Wayne	<b>M</b>	Create the Building Codes Advisory Committee and change building code provisions
	1/16/2018		Bill introduced
	1/18/2018		Referred to Gov't, Military, Vets Affairs Cmte
	1/30/2018		Notice of Hearing for 2/13/2018

<b>LB1028</b>	Wayne 1/16/2018 1/18/2018 1/30/2018	<b>M</b>	Adopt the Abandoned and Dilapidated Housing Act Bill introduced Referred to Urban Affairs Cmte Noticed of Hearing for 2/6/2018
<b>LB1053</b>	Wishart 1/17/2018 1/19/2018 2/1/2018	<b>M</b>	Provide for a 10-year strategic plan by the Legislature's Planning Committee Bill introduced Referred to Executive Board Notice of Hearing for 2/8/2018
<b>LB1054</b>	Brewer 1/17/2018 1/18/2018 1/19/2018 1/19/2018 1/24/2018 2/1/2018 3/9/2018 3/20/18	<b>Anti</b>	Change provisions relating to hearings before the Nebraska Power Review Board and electric generation using wind Bill introduced <b>Brewer Priority Bill</b> Referred to Natural Resources Cmte Brewer AM1578 filed Notice of Hearing for 2/1/2018 Brewer AM1727 filed Brewer AM2043 Filed Brewer AM2531 Filed
<b>LB1080</b>	Hughes 1/17/2018 1/19/2018 2/1/2018	<b>Pro with Amd</b>	Provide for Wildlife Conservation Plates Bill introduced Referred to Transportation and Telecommunications Cmte Notice of Hearing for 2/12/2018
<b>LB1081</b>	Education Committee Bill 1/17/2018 1/19/2018 1/31/2018 2/15/2018 2/21/2018 3/21/18 3/21/18 3/26/18 <b>3/26/18</b> 4/5/18 4/11/18 <b>4/11/18</b> <b>4/11/18</b> <b>4/17/18</b>	<b>M</b>	Change education provisions regarding reporting, penalties, residency, boundaries, priority schools, subpoena authority, poverty, and limited English proficiency Bill introduced by Educ Cmte Referred to Education Cmte Notice of Hearing for 2/12/2018 <b>Education Committee Priority Bill</b> Placed on General File Linehan AM2593 Filed and Adopted Advanced to E&R Initial ER143 Filed <b>Placed on Select File with ER 143</b> Linehan AM2823 filed Dispensed with Reading At Large <b>Passed on Final Read 46-1-2</b> <b>Signed by President/Speaker</b> <b>Signed by Governor</b>

<b>LB1123</b>	Groene	<b>M</b>	Provide for streamflow augmentation projects and retention of water rights as prescribed
	1/18/2018		Bill introduced
	1/22/2018		Referred to natural Resources Cmte
	1/25/2018		Brewer and McDonnell added
	1/26/2018		Erdman added
	1/31/2018		Notice of Hearing for 2/7/2018
	<b>2/20/2018</b>		<b>Bill Indefinitely Postponed</b>
<b>LB1124</b>	Groene	<b>M</b>	Provide notice and hearing requirements for public entities relating to land acquisition and ground water pump installations
	1/18/2018		Bill introduced
	1/22/2018		Referred to Natural Resources Cmte
	1/31/2018		Notice of Hearing for 2/7/2018
<b>LB1133</b>	Wayne	<b>M</b>	Adopt the Industrial Hemp Act, provide an exemption under the Uniform Controlled Substances Act, and eliminate a provision relating to industrial hemp research
	1/18/2018		Bill introduced
	1/22/2018		Referred to Agricultural Committee
	1/25/2018		Notice of Hearing 2/6/2018
	1/26/2018		Ebke added
	2/7/2018		Krist added
<b>LR293CA</b>	Wishart	<b>M</b>	Constitutional amendment providing a right to use or consume medical cannabis subject to laws, rules, and regulations
	1/18/2018		Bill introduced
	1/22/2018		Referred to judiciary Committee
	1/25/2018		Notice of Hearing for 2/8/2018
	1/25/2018		McCollister added
	2/28/2018		Judiciary Amendment AM2077 Filed
	2/28/2018		Placed on General file with AM2077

**2017 BILLS OF INTEREST**  
**Carried over to the 2018 Session**

<b>LB23</b>	Scheer		Provide for transfers of funds and terminate funds
			<b>Sierra Club Position: Monitor</b>
	1/5/2017		Introduced
	1/9/2017		Referred to Appropriations Committee
	1/10/2017		Hearing scheduled for January 17, 2017
	1/3/2018		Titled printed. Carryover bill

**LB55** Schumacher Change a duty of landowners relating to the frequency of mowing roadside weeds

1/5/2017 Introduced  
1/9/2017 Referred to Transportation and Telecommunications Committee  
1/23/2017 Hearing scheduled for January 30, 2017  
5/23/2017 Provisions/portions of LB55 amended into LB584 by AM181  
1/3/2018 Title printed. Carryover bill

**LB98** Friesen Extend certain levy authority for natural resources districts.

**Sierra Club Position: Monitor**

1/5/2017 Introduced  
1/9/2017 Referred to Revenue Committee  
1/25/2017 Hearing scheduled for February 2, 2017  
3/13/2017 Speaker priority bill  
3/15/2017 Placed on General File  
3/29/2017 Groene AM486 filed  
3/30/2017 Groene AM486 lost  
3/30/2017 Groene MO67 Bracket until June 2, 2017 filed  
3/30/2017 Groene MO67 failed  
3/30/2017 Erdman AM819 filed  
3/30/2017 Kuehn AM823 filed  
5/2/2017 Friesen MO113 Invoke cloture filed  
5/2/2017 Friesen MO113 failed  
1/3/2018 Title printed. Carryover bill  
**2/12/2018 Stinner Priority Bill**  
3/7/2018 Friesen MO249 failed  
3/7/2018 Friesen MO249 Invoke cloture filed  
3/7/2018 Erdman MO248 pending  
3/7/2018 Erdman MO248 Bracket until April 18, 2018 filed  
3/7/2018 Erdman AM819 pending

**LB218** Groene Provide for installation of ground water pumps by public entities

**Sierra Club Position: Support**

1/10/2017 Introduced  
1/12/2017 Referred to Natural Resources Committee  
1/24/2017 Hearing scheduled for February 15, 2017  
2/24/2017 McDonnell name added  
1/3/2018 Title printed. Carryover bill  
1/3/2018 Brewer name added

**LB390** Albrecht Change provisions relating to flood protection and water quality enhancement bonds

1/13/2017 Introduced  
1/17/2017 Referred to Natural Resources Committee  
1/24/2017 Hearing scheduled for February 1, 2017  
1/3/2018 Title printed. Carryover bill

- LB392** Larson            Adopt the Wind Friendly Counties Act  
**Sierra Club Position: Support**  
1/13/2017            Introduced  
1/17/2017            Referred to Natural Resources Committee  
1/24/2017            Hearing scheduled for February 9, 2017  
1/3/2018            Title printed. Carryover bill
- LB410** Smith            Change boundaries and number of public service commissioner districts and provide for the appointment and election of new commissioners as prescribed  
**Sierra Club Position: Monitor**  
1/13/2017            Introduced  
1/17/2017            Referred to Transportation and Telecommunications Committee  
2/2/2017            Hearing scheduled for February 14, 2017  
1/3/2018            Title printed. Carryover bill
- LB412** Bolz            Provide duties for the state investment officer relating to investment in energy-related companies or funds  
**Sierra Club Position: Support**  
1/13/2017            Introduced  
1/17/2017            Referred to Nebraska Retirement Systems Committee  
1/20/2017            Hearing scheduled for February 21, 2017  
1/3/2018            Title printed. Carryover bill
- LB448** Chambers        Eliminate provisions relating to the hunting of mountain lions  
**Sierra Club Position: Support**  
1/17/2017            Introduced  
1/19/2017            Referred to Natural Resources Committee  
1/24/2017            Hearing scheduled for February 23, 2017  
1/3/2018            Title printed. Carryover bill
- LB449** Chambers        Repeal the Black-Tailed Prairie Dog Management Act  
**Sierra Club Position: Support**  
1/17/2017            Bill introduced  
1/19/2017            Referred to Agriculture Committee  
1/27/2017            Notice of Hearing for 2/14/2017  
3/13/2017            Agriculture AM536 filed  
3/13/2017            Placed on General File with AM536  
1/3/2018            Title printed. Carryover bill  
1/23/2018            Agriculture AM536 adopted  
1/23/2018            Larson MO183 failed  
1/23/2018            Larson MO183 Indefinitely postponed filed  
1/23/2018            Failed to advance to Enrollment and Review Initial  
2/7/2018            **Chambers Priority bill**  
4/6/18            Krist MO329 Recommit to Natural Resources Committee filed and withdrawn  
4/6/18            Advanced to Enrollment and Review Initial



4/10/18 ER179 Adopted  
4/10/18 Hughes MO345 Recommit to Ag Comte Filed and Withdrawn  
4/10/18 E&R for Engrossment  
4/10/18 Placed on Final Reading

**LB452** Lindstrom Impose sales tax on services and change income tax rates and change income tax rates and personal exemption amounts

**Sierra Club Position: Monitor**

1/17/2017 Introduced  
1/19/2017 Referred to Revenue Committee  
1/24/2017 Linehan name added  
2/7/2017 Hearing scheduled for February 15, 2017  
1/3/2018 Title printed. Carryover bill

**LB494** Briese Provide for withholding public records relating to energy infrastructure

**Sierra Club Position: Oppose**

1/17/2017 Introduced  
1/19/2017 Referred to Government, Military and Veterans Affairs Committee  
1/25/2017 Hearing scheduled for February 2, 2017  
2/7/2017 Brewer name added  
3/15/2017 Placed on General File with AM555  
3/15/2017 Government, Military and Veterans Affairs AM555 filed  
1/3/2018 Title printed. Carryover bill

**LB499** Brewer Provide for voluntary registration and duties for the Department of Agriculture under the Nebraska Apiary Act as prescribed

**Sierra Club Position: Support**

1/18/2017 Introduced  
1/20/2017 Referred to Agriculture Committee  
1/27/2017 Hearing scheduled for February 14, 2017  
1/3/2018 Title printed. Carryover bill

**LB504** Brewer Provide for a moratorium on industrial development of wind energy projects and for a task force study as prescribed

**Sierra Club Position: Support**

1/18/2017 Introduced  
1/20/2017 Referred to Natural Resources Committee  
1/24/2017 Hearing scheduled for March 1, 2017  
1/24/2017 Groene name added  
2/8/2017 Hearing time changed from 1:30 PM to 9:15 AM  
1/3/2018 Title printed. Carryover bill

**LB563** McCollister Impose sales tax on certain services and eliminate certain sales tax exemptions

**Sierra Club Position: Monitor**

1/18/2017 Introduced  
1/20/2017 Referred to Revenue Committee  
2/14/2017 Hearing scheduled for February 22, 2017  
1/3/2018 Title printed. Carryover bill

**LB610** Kolowski Adopt the Community Solar Energy Economic Development Act

**Sierra Club Position: Support**

1/18/2017 Introduced  
1/20/2017 Referred to Natural Resources Committee  
1/24/2017 Hearing scheduled for February 22, 2017  
1/3/2018 Title printed. Carryover bill

**LB646** Pansing-Brooks Provide for an extreme weather preparedness task force and strategic action plan

**Sierra Club Position: Support**

1/18/2017 Introduced  
1/20/2017 Referred to Executive Board  
1/27/2017 Hearing scheduled for February 6, 2017  
1/3/2018 Title printed. Carryover bill

**LR4** Blood Interim study to explore if the development of a more comprehensive water quality study is needed

**Sierra Club Position: Support**

1/5/2017 Introduced  
1/5/2017 Referred to Executive Board  
1/19/2017 Vargas name added  
5/15/2017 Referred to Natural Resources Committee

**LR46** Larson Provide the Executive Board of the Legislative Council appoint a special committee to develop a climate action plan

**Sierra Club Position: Monitor**

2/22/2017 Introduced  
2/22/2017 Laid over  
2/22/2017 Speaker's announcement  
2/23/2017 Referred to Executive Board  
3/8/2017 Hearing scheduled for March 15, 2017  
1/3/2018 Title printed. Carryover bill

Over 100 ISRs were introduced in the current session. Some ISRs that may be of special interest to the Nebraska Chapter of the Sierra Club are:

LR374	Clements	Government, Military and Veterans Affairs	Interim study to examine the regional boundaries of the Nebraska Planning and Development Regions
LR387	Hughes	Natural Resources	Interim study to examine issues relating to the spread of Eastern Redcedar trees
LR392	Hansen	Urban Affairs	Interim study to examine neighborhood issues and potential neighborhood improvement tools
LR394	Quick	Natural Resources	Interim study to examine policies and practices designed to assist low-income Nebraskans at risk of utility shutoffs due to overdue payments
LR400	Quick	Urban Affairs	Interim study to examine issues related to the Nebraska Municipal Land Bank Act
LR443	Wishart	Executive Board	Interim study to examine the issues surrounding the adoption of a state strategic plan
LR450	Kolowski	Natural Resources	Interim study to examine methods of increasing solar development in Nebraska
LR463	Groene	Natural Resources	Interim study to examine statutes related to augmentation projects in relationship to the Nebraska Cooperative Republican Platte Enhancement interlocal project in Lincoln County
LR464	Wayne	Natural Resources	Interim study to review public power
LR465	Wayne	Revenue	Interim study to review issues pertaining to funding Nebraska's infrastructure system
LR466	Wayne	Natural Resources	Interim study to review issues pertaining to water quality