

# Nebraska Association of County Officials Legislative Report



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## Legislature Convenes on Jan. 3, 2007

The 100<sup>th</sup> Legislature, First Session convened last week with 22 new members taking the oath of office. Sen. Mike Flood of Norfolk was elected Speaker and new leadership was chosen for nearly all of the Unicameral's standing committees. A complete list of new senators, selected committees and contact information appears on the reverse.

The 2007 session is a "long" 90-day session. Bills not adopted at the end of 2006 were killed. Bills not adopted or killed this year will carry over to the 2008 session. Adjournment is tentatively scheduled for May 31. By the end of the seventh day, 342 new bills had been introduced.

The calendar, bills, daily agenda, hearing schedules and more can be viewed on the Legislature's newly-revised website. The new address is: [www.nebraskalegislature.gov](http://www.nebraskalegislature.gov). The NACO website, [www.nacone.org](http://www.nacone.org), contains links to this site. Other legislative information is available through the following sources.

- Clerk of the Legislature - information about bill status, hearing schedules, speaker's daily agenda. Phone: (402)471-2271

- Legislative 24-Hour Request Line - request copies of bills or Unicameral Update subscriptions. Phone: (402)471-2877
- Hotline - answers to questions about the status of bills or other information. Phone: (402)471-2709; Outside Lincoln (800) 742-7456
- Unicameral Information Office - website, publications about the Legislature. Phone: (402)471-2788

Following a recess day in recognition of Martin Luther King, Jr. Day, committee hearings are scheduled to begin on the afternoon of Jan. 16. Among the bills to be heard on Tuesday is a measure to require a single license plate (**LB 14**). Wednesday's hearings include bills to combine voter registration lists and sign-in registers (**LB 44**), limit multiple office-holding (**LB 17**), and five bills on taxation, assessment, liens and homestead exemptions (**LB 166**, **LB 167**, **LB 168**, **LB 155**, **LB 145**). Thursday's hearings include a revision of the Open Meetings Law (**LB 7**). On Friday, hearings will address recall (**LB 18**) and interlocal agreements (**LB 13**).

## NACO Legislative Committee Meetings Set for January 19 and 26

NACO's Legislative Committee will meet at the Cornhusker Hotel in Lincoln on Jan. 19 to review and take positions on 2007 legislation. The meeting will begin at 9:30 a.m. in Arbor Rooms 1 and 2, which are located at the bottom of the escalator. A second meeting is planned for Jan. 26 at 9:30 a.m. in Yankee Hill Rooms 1 and 2. All county officials are invited to attend these meetings. Because lunch will be provided, please notify the NACO office at (402)434-5660 or [leslie@nacone.org](mailto:leslie@nacone.org) if you plan

to attend one or both meetings.

After brief preliminary remarks, affiliate groups will meet for discussion of bills pertinent to their membership. After the groups have met, the NACO Legislative Committee will convene as a whole to review and take positions on the entire list of bills. All county officials are encouraged to attend or discuss areas of concern with their NACO Board representative prior to the meeting.

## Legislative Report Available on NACO's Website

If you received a hard copy of this report through the mail and would prefer to read it electronically, please send a request via email to [Beth@nacone.org](mailto:Beth@nacone.org). Each Friday morning you will receive an email notice with a link to the updated weekly report on the NACO website at [www.nacone.org](http://www.nacone.org). Paper versions of the weekly

report will continue to be mailed to officials who have not provided NACO with an email address or who request a hard copy. The Countyline magazine will continue to be mailed to all county officials and appears on the NACO website.

## 2007 Legislature Alphabetical Listing

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### **Government, Military and Veterans Affairs**

Aguilar (C)  
Mines (VC)  
Adams  
Avery  
Friend  
Karpisek  
Pahls  
Rogert

### **Revenue**

Janssen (C)  
Dierks (VC)  
Burling  
Cornett  
Langemeier  
Preister  
Raikes  
White

### **Transportation and Telecommunications**

Fischer (C)  
Stuthman (VC)  
Aguilar  
Hudkins  
Louden  
Mines  
Pedersen  
Schimek

### **Judiciary**

Ashford (C)  
Lathrop (VC)  
Chambers  
McDonald  
McGill  
Pedersen  
Pirsch  
Schimek

### **Health and Human Services**

Johnson (C)  
Gay (VC)  
Erdman  
Hansen  
Howard  
Pankonin  
Stuthman