

# Legislative Update

## 6/9/2020



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# State Legislative Update



# 2020 Nebraska Legislative Calendar

## Nebraska's 106th Legislature

- January 8<sup>th</sup> – Legislature convenes at 10 a.m.
- January 13<sup>th</sup> – Debate on carry-over legislation begins
- January 21<sup>st</sup> – Public hearings begin
- January 23<sup>rd</sup> – Last day of bill introduction
- February 19<sup>th</sup> – Deadline for Speaker priority requests
- February 21<sup>st</sup> – Deadline for designation of committee and senator priority bills
- February 25<sup>th</sup> – Speaker priority bills announced prior to adjournment
- February 27<sup>th</sup> – Date to complete committee public hearings on introduced bills
- March 3<sup>rd</sup> – Full-day debate
- March 12<sup>th</sup> – Last day of debate
- March 13<sup>th</sup> – Recess
- March 23<sup>rd</sup>-25<sup>th</sup> - LB1198 - Appropriate funds for the Governor's Emergency Program - COVID-19
- July 20<sup>th</sup> - August 12<sup>th</sup> – Session resumes
- August 13<sup>rd</sup> – Sine Die

# Remainder of Session

- From Speaker Scheer
- Focus on bills that are “deemed for passage”
- Bills that do not have impact to the budget
- ~27 bills do have budget implications and the Speaker has asked to consider amendments to eliminate or reduce General Fund impact

# Legislation – Priority Status

Bill & Current Status	Summary
LB 283 Pansing Brooks	Provide for a climate change study
<i>Monitor</i>	1/15/19 Introduced, 1/18/19 Referred to Executive Board, 2/11/19 Hearing held, 1/24/20 Vargas AM2116 filed, 2/19/20 Placed on General File, 2/21/20 McCollister priority bill <i>We are supportive of the concept, however monitoring at the current time due to easement/eminent domain language and source of funds</i>
LB 627 Pansing Brooks	Prohibit discrimination based upon sexual orientation and gender identity
<i>Support</i>	1/23/19 Introduced, 1/25/19 Referred to Judiciary Committee, 2/7/19 Hearing held, 3/5/19 Chair ruled there had not been full and fair debate on the advancement of the bill. 3/5/19 Motion to overrule the chair failed, 2/19/20 Pansing Brooks priority bill
LB 720 Kolterman	Adopt the ImagiNE Nebraska Act and provide tax incentives
<i>Support</i>	1/23/2019 Introduced. 1/25/2019 Referred to Revenue Committee, 2/12/2019 Kolterman priority bill, 3/6/2019 Hearing Held, 4/5/2019 Kolterman AM1198 filed, 5/10/2019 Placed on General File with AM1614, 5/15/2019 various amendments introduced, 5/22/2019 Advanced to Select File with ER136, 5/24/2019 Kolterman MO108 invoke cloture failed, 1/8/20 Kolterman priority bill, 1/30/20 Kolterman AM2207 filed, 2/6/20 Special Hearing on AM2207, 2/27/20 Attorney General Opinion 20-004 to Brandt
LB 899 Hughes	Provide certain powers to public power districts relating to biofuels and biofuel byproducts
<i>Support</i>	1/9/20 Introduced, 1/13/20 Referred to Natural Resources Committee, 1/23/20 Hearing held, 2/18/20 Moser priority bill, 3/5/20 Advanced to Select File

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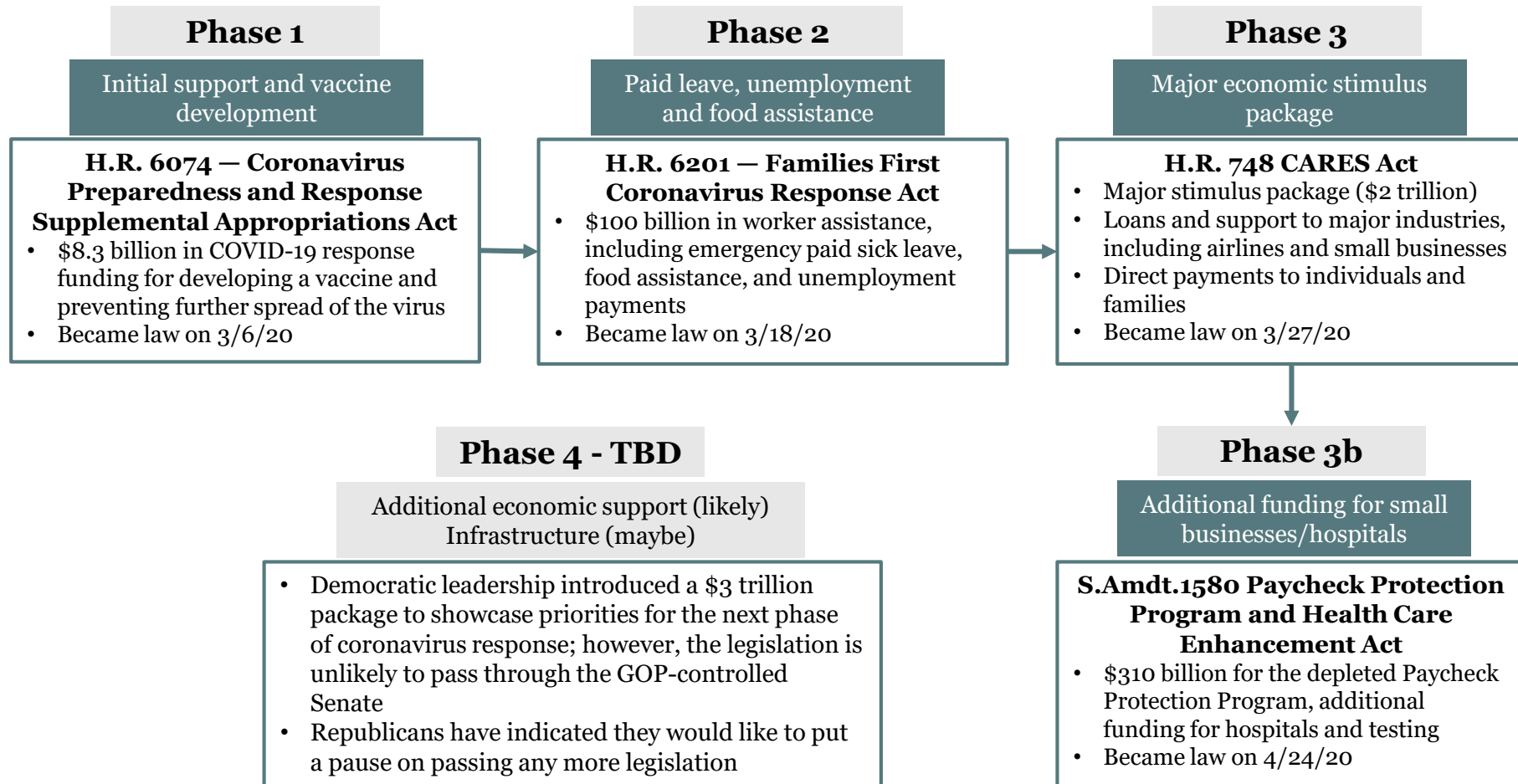
Bill & Current Status	Summary
LB 923 Lindstrom	Change sales tax provisions relating to gross receipts
<i>Support</i>	1/10/20 Introduced, 1/13/20 Referred to Revenue Committee, 1/30/20 Hearing held, 2/4/20 Placed on General File, 2/25/20 Speaker priority bill
LB 933 Crawford	Change provisions relating to discontinuance of utility service
<i>Support</i>	1/10/20 Introduced, 1/13/20 Referred to Natural Resources Committee, 1/27/20 Vargas name added. 2/27/20 Placed on General File
LB 992 Friesen	Adopt the Broadband Internet Service Infrastructure Act and provide for certain broadband and Internet -related services
<i>Oppose</i>	1/14/20 Introduced, 1/15/20 Referred to Transportation and Telecommunications Committee, 2/3/20 Hearing held, 2/5/20 Transportation and Telecommunications Priority Bill, 2/27/20 Attorney General Opinion 20-003 to Friesen
LB 1132 Wayne	Change provisions relating to net metering
<i>Oppose</i>	1/22/20 Introduced, 1/24/20 Referred to Natural Resources Committee, 2/19/20 Hearing held
LB 1205 McCollister	Adopt the Renewable Energy Standards Act
<i>Oppose</i>	1/23/20 Introduced, 1/27/20 Referred to Natural Resources Committee, 2/13/20 Hearing held
LB 1198 Stinner	Appropriate funds for the Governor’s Emergency Program – COVID-19
<i>Support</i>	1/23/20 Introduced, 1/27/20 Referred to Appropriations Committee, 2/4/20 Hearing held, 2/27/20 Placed on General File, 3/23/2020 Advanced to Select File, 3/25/2020 Advanced to Final Reading, 3/25/20 Signed by the Governor

# Federal Legislative Update





# Congress's three-phase response to the coronavirus crisis and potential next steps



Sources: The Wall Street Journal, The Washington Post, Congress.gov, US News.

# Congressional Outlook – 2020

Topic	Expiration date	Description
FISA Reauthorization	March 15, 2020	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The “roving wiretap,” “lone wolf,” and “business records,” provisions, and the “call detail records” program—were temporarily extended in the 2019 Continuing Resolution but are currently expired</li> </ul>
Annual Appropriations		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Hearings have begun in House/Senate subcommittees, but COVID could delay negotiations</li> </ul>
Surface Transportation	Sept. 30, 2020	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The 2015 FAST Act provided funding for 5 years and authorizes certain highway and public transit programs</li> </ul>
Nat'l Flood Insurance Reauthorization		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>National program was last reauthorized for full five years in 2012</li> <li>Reauthorized on short-term basis since 2017</li> </ul>
TANF & CCES Reauthorization	Nov. 30, 2020	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) programs and the Child Care Entitlement to States (CCES) provide child care assistance for low-income families</li> </ul>
Health Extenders		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Various Medicare and Medicaid policies are set to expire, including the community mental health services demonstration program</li> </ul>
Nat'l Defense Re-Authorization	Dec. 31, 2020	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Reauthorizes annual Defense programs and sets top-line budgets</li> </ul>

Sources: Committee for a Responsible Federal Budget; Politico, National Journal.