

# Nebraska State Legislature

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## MEMORANDUM

TO: Colleagues, Staff and Interested Persons

FROM: Speaker Jim Scheer

RE: Legislative Schedule for 2020 Session

DATE: November 22, 2019

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Please find below scheduling information for the first few days of the 2020 session and several key session dates thereafter. If bad weather necessitates a time change, members will be notified and the change will be announced via the Legislature's website.

### January 8

- Convene at 10:00 a.m.
- Elect acting Chief Sergeant-at-Arms
- Bill introduction
- Adjourn around noon or when introduced bills have been processed by the Clerk's office

### January 9 and 10

- Convene at 10:00 a.m.
- Bill introduction
- Adjourn around 11:00 a.m. or when introduced bills have been processed by the Clerk's office

January 13, 14, 15

- Convene at 9:00 a.m.
- Bill Introduction
- Debate of carry over legislation
- Recess at noon for lunch, reconvene at 1:30 p.m. and adjourn no later than 5:00 p.m.

January 15

- Governor Rickett's State of the State Address – 10:00 a.m.

January 16

- Convene at 9:00 a.m.
- Bill Introduction
- Debate of carry over legislation
- Adjourn by noon

January 17

- Recess day
- *(Tentative)* Last day to submit bill requests to Revisor of Statutes/Bill Drafting Office

January 21

- Convene at 9:00 a.m.
- Bill introduction
- Debate of carry over legislation
- Adjourn by noon
- Public Hearings begin at 1:30 p.m.

January 22

- Convene at 9:00 a.m.
- Bill introduction
- Debate of carry over legislation
- Chief Justice Heavican's State of the Judiciary Address-10:00 a.m.
- Adjourn by noon

January 23

- Convene at 9:00 a.m.
- Last day of bill introduction
- Debate of carry over legislation
- Adjourn by noon or when introduced bills have been processed by the Clerk's office

February 19, Prior to Adjournment

- Deadline to submit a letter to the Speaker requesting designation of a bill as a 2020 speaker priority bill

February 21, Prior to Adjournment

- Deadline for designation of committee and senator priority bills

February 25

- Speaker priority bills announced prior to adjournment

February 27

- Date to complete committee public hearings on introduced bills

March 3

- Full-day floor debate begins

March 18<sup>th</sup> to April 8<sup>th</sup>

- Sometime during early-March a “late nights” schedule will be announced. Senators are requested to keep their session day evenings open beginning March 18th for extended floor debate.

Additionally, please note that this session we will convene at 9:00 a.m. every day including the first day of the work week unless otherwise announced. When we begin full day floor debate on March 3<sup>rd</sup>, my goal will be to adjourn by noon on the last day of the work week. On occasion, we may work through the lunch hour and adjourn early afternoon.

If you have any questions on these dates or procedures, please feel free to contact me or Laurie in my office.