



Nebraska Eagle Forum

“The salvation of the state is the watchfulness of the citizens”

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IN THE UNICAMERAL

Legislative hearings have been completed for this session. The Legislature now begin full day floor debate on the floor. The schedule of bills on the debate calendar will be posted in the late afternoon the day before. Remember to check the schedule each and every day.

Each Senator, committees and Speaker Scheer have identified priority bills. Priority bills will be scheduled for debate at some point before the Legislature adjourns. For that reason, it is time to focus on the following bills – and, it is time to contact all Legislators encouraging

Here is a breakdown of bills we encourage you to monitor and speak out on. Remember, since we have no idea when the bills will be scheduled for debate – and since we will only have approximately 15 hours notice, it important that you communicate with Senators “early and often”. So, begin calling, writing and/or e-mailing as soon as possible. And, communicate your concerns and your request that they support/oppose – depending upon the bill in question.

For video overview of the following bills, go to <https://youtu.be/MsdgsVOHjz4>

Priority Bill we Oppose:

LB1058 (Halloran) Adopt the Faithful Delegate to Federal Article V Convention Act

Talking points:

When looking at LB1058, it is important to briefly discuss LR6 and LR268 both of which call for an Article V constitutional convention.

- In a phone conference in 2015, the Balanced Budget Amendment Task Force outlined a strategy to increase their success at passing Article V constitutional convention legislation. By introducing and passing “Faithful Delegate” bills, they would give concerned individuals a ‘sense of security’ by promising controls and punishments for delegates to give the impression delegates would have to do what Legislatures say. However, research reveals the delegates are not answerable to the Legislature and there is no precedence for this baseless claim.
- Convention of States, Wolf PAC and other proponents of an Article V constitutional convention have encountered difficulty the past three years in their efforts to push such legislation in Nebraska. So, now they ‘back up’ and ‘punt’ with LB 1058, Faithful

Delegate bill filled with baseless limits and penalties with the hopes they can then pass another call for a convention.

- At the Constitutional Convention of 1787 delegates set aside the Articles of Confederation they were to deal with and wrote a different document, our Constitution. In addition, they changed the ratification requirement from unanimous (13 states) to nine (9) states instead.

The article referenced below was just recently written. It is **alarming!!! Art V to eliminate the Electoral College and change the Art. V Amendment process....by ratifying with 15 of the most populous states!!!**

Read the whole article here:

https://www.huffingtonpost.com/entry/can-we-abolish-the-electoral-college_us_584f0dc6e4b017133105136a

One quote from the article is:

"So here's the way out of the Electoral College. A group of populous states could convene a constitutional convention, invite representatives of all fifty states, and adopt a new Constitution without abiding by Article V's process. The twenty most populous states contain about two-thirds of the population of the United States. They could draft a new Constitution, based on the current Constitution but without the Electoral College and perhaps with a revamped Senate with larger states having three Senators and smaller states having one. And they could provide that the new Constitution would go into effect if ratified by fifteen of those twenty states, or by states representing a specified percentage (say, sixty percent) of the population."

Priority Bills we support:

LB1069 (Brasch) Change provision related to the Committee on Americanism

It's absolutely absurd that Nebraska's schools defy state law and refuse to teach the essentials of civics - Americanism. Our schools will not teach the basic principles that have driven our nation to greatness. We have to stop education's anti-American bias, that purposely leaves our kids uninformed and vulnerable to manipulation. Students would also take the "naturalization examination" so parents and districts know how their student body is doing in this area.

This bill is "stuck in Committee". Twenty-five Legislators have signed on to "pull" the bill from Committee. This will require a "Pull Motion" vote on the floors – that takes 25 Legislators, which we have. The next hurdle is the 33 Senators required for a "cloture vote".

Contact Legislators, asking that they 1) Support LB 1069 and 2) Vote for cloture. This bill would improve civics instruction for our students – and hopefully they would learn why the United States is so unique, what our forefathers believed and wanted for our country, etc.

LB1040 (Albrecht) Provide for certificates of nonviable birth

CAPITOL HILL NEWS

A Break-Down of the White House Budget

After a brief shutdown last Friday, the Senate passed another Continuing Resolution to keep the government open for a month. This measure came with a \$2 trillion price tag and Conservatives were not happy. Sen. Rand Paul (R-KY) was the only Republican Senator to [stand up against](#) the massive spending bill that raised the debt ceiling and increased budget caps.

This week, the President [released his budget](#) for this year that provides a framework for Congress to work from. The proposal addresses issues from boarder security to infrastructure and more. Although it proposes \$3 trillion in deficit cuts over ten years, the numbers do not balance in the end.

Please click [here](#) to read the rest of the report.

STATE and ISSUE NEWS

Turning Teachers Into Psychotherapists

Will Not Prevent School Shootings

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by Karen R. Effrem, MD



In the rush to “do something” to respond to the horrific and tragic Parkland shooting in Florida, a Florida Senate committee considered bills on Monday that greatly expand mental screening and profiling of students, “harden” security at schools, fund more school resource officers, and arm teachers and others that volunteer and undergo extensive training and criminal background checks as well as a psychiatric evaluation. These were recommendations that came from three task forces put together by Governor Rick Scott that met last week.

The gun control debate and proposal to arm teachers dominated the discussion while the very dangerous and problematic mental health proposals went through unnoticed. These proposals include: Entire article [here](#).

CALENDAR NEWS

March 1st – Deadline to file as delegate to your GOP County Convention. How do you file? Go to your county clerk's office and fill out the form. Remember – we need good, informed individuals to protect our Constitution and freedoms.

County Conventions will be held during the first week of April, 2018. Check with your County Clerk for the date in your county.