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Sine Die...For Now

The Nebraska Legislature adjourned Thursday, April 18, closing out the second of the two-year biennium. Two bills were successfully filibustered on the last day – one of which was the Governor’s tax bill, [LB388](#), which would have added taxes to veterinary services for pets, certain groceries, lottery tickets, and advertising services, as well as imposed a hard cap on city and county tax levies. After one hour and 45 minutes of an expected two-hour filibuster, Senator Linehan pulled the bill from the agenda to prevent the bill from getting a final vote—killing the bill herself before it failed on what would have been a difficult vote.

Doc Stamp Increase Stopped

The second filibuster of the day came on Senator McDonnell’s reincarnated [LB1363](#). The bill has seen many variations as it struggled its way toward passage. The final form of the bill would have increased the documentary stamp tax by 44% to increase funding to certain housing programs, the Charles Drew Health Center, and importantly to some – pay for a reduction in the inheritance taxes paid to counties. When the filibuster neared the end of the two-hour mark, Senator McDonnell asked the Speaker to “pass over” [LB1363](#), effectively killing the bill before a final vote was taken.

Unfortunately, the failure of the bill all but ensures the Governor calls the Legislature back into Special Session *this summer*.

Final Day of Passing Bills

Revenue Committee Packages Passed

The Legislature passed a number of bills on the final day of the session, including [LB1317](#) - a package of bills put together by the Revenue Committee that contains EV charging station and tax provisions; Good Life District changes; provisions of [LB1043](#) that create requirements for nonprofit economic development corporations regarding developing properties in high-poverty areas; property tax exemptions for nursing homes, assisted living facilities, and certain student housing; and a number of other changes.

Bills Passed from Watch List

[LB164](#) Updates to Building and Energy Codes

LB1104 Change fees for lobbyist registration.

LB16 Require occupational boards to issue certain credentials based on credentials or work experience in another jurisdiction. Included Interior Designers Voluntary Registry

LB1412 and LB 1413 Mid-biennium budget adjustments.

LB 1017 Change the schedule of compensation for certain injuries resulting in disability under the Nebraska Workers' Compensation Act

End of the Road

The end of session also means the end of the road for any bill that was not passed or amended into another bill. Every bill not passed into law was killed as a part of Thursday's official actions.

Final Day – wait, they'll be back - for Fifteen Senators

The final day of the session felt somewhat less than final with the return for a Special Session looming. There are 15 outgoing senators: Albrecht, Blood, Bostelman, Brewer, Erdman, Halloran, Linehan, Lowe, McDonnell, Meyer, Slama, Vargas, Walz, Wayne and Wishart.