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# Government Affairs Legislative Report

NPPD Board of Directors Meeting  
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# 2025 Session

109<sup>th</sup> Legislature, First Session  
90 working days

**Key Dates:**

- January 8 Day 1
- January 15 Governor’s State of the State Address
- January 22 First day of rules debate
- January 22 Last day of bill introduction
- January 22 First day of public hearings

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- February 21 Day 30
- March 17 Announcement of Speaker Priority Bills
- March 28 Last day of public hearings
- March 31 First full day of floor debate
- April 11 Day 60
- April 22 First day of late-night debate (if necessary)
- May 29 Last day of late-night debate (if necessary)
- June 6 Day 90

## 2025 Planned Debate Schedule\*

January						
Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thur	Fri	Sat
			1	2	3	4
5	6	7	8 DAY 1	9 DAY 2	10 DAY 3	11
12	13	14	15 DAY 4	16 DAY 5	17 DAY 6	18
19	20 DAY 7	21 DAY 8	22 DAY 9	23 DAY 10	24 DAY 11	25
26	27 HOLIDAY	28 DAY 12	29 DAY 13	30 DAY 14	31 DAY 15	

February						
Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thur	Fri	Sat
						1
2	3 DAY 16	4 DAY 17	5 DAY 18	6 DAY 19	7 DAY 20	8
9	10 DAY 21	11 DAY 22	12 DAY 23	13 DAY 24	14 DAY 25	15
16	17 DAY 26	18 DAY 27	19 DAY 28	20 DAY 29	21 DAY 30	22
23	24 DAY 31	25 DAY 32	26 DAY 33	27 DAY 34	28 DAY 35	

March						
Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thur	Fri	Sat
						1
2	3 DAY 36	4 DAY 37	5 DAY 38	6 DAY 39	7 RECESS	8
9	10 DAY 40	11 DAY 41	12 DAY 42	13 DAY 43	14 DAY 44	15
16	17 DAY 45	18 DAY 46	19 DAY 47	20 DAY 48	21 RECESS	22
23	24 RECESS	25 DAY 49	26 DAY 50	27 DAY 51	28 DAY 52	29
30	31 DAY 53					

April						
Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thur	Fri	Sat
		1 DAY 54	2 DAY 55	3 DAY 56	4 RECESS	5
6	7 RECESS	8 DAY 57	9 DAY 58	10 DAY 59	11 DAY 60	12
13	14 DAY 61	15 DAY 62	16 DAY 63	17 DAY 64	18 RECESS	19
20	21 RECESS	22 DAY 65	23 DAY 66	24 DAY 67	25 DAY 68	26
27	28 DAY 69	29 DAY 70	30 DAY 71			

May						
Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thur	Fri	Sat
				1 DAY 72	2 RECESS	3
4	5 RECESS	6 DAY 73	7 DAY 74	8 DAY 75	9 DAY 76	10
11	12 DAY 77	13 DAY 78	14 DAY 79	15 DAY 80	16 RECESS	17
18	19 DAY 81	20 DAY 82	21 DAY 83	22 DAY 84	23 RECESS	24
25	26 HOLIDAY	27 DAY 85	28 DAY 86	29 DAY 87	30 DAY 88	31

June						
Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thur	Fri	Sat
1	2 DAY 89	3 RECESS	4 RECESS	5 RECESS	6 RECESS	7
8	9 DAY 90	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30					

\* Please bear in mind that this is a general template for planning purposes. Actual debate may vary from this proposed schedule.

# 2025 Legislative Session

## Bills of Interest:

### NPPD Bills:

**LB 396** (DeKay) Change provisions relating to the form and filing of public power district budgets and audits with the Nebraska Power Review Board – Removes the requirement by Public Power Districts to submit an annual budget report to PRB;

**Natural Resources Committee hearing on Thursday, February 6<sup>th</sup>.**

**Advanced to General File**

**LB 413** (Clouse) Change provisions relating to the setting of rates by certain power districts  
“Rates and charges may be differentiated based on load size, load factor, firm and nonfirm service, technology risks, length of service commitment, and other objective criteria.”

**Natural Resources Committee hearing on Wednesday, February 5<sup>th</sup>.**

# Position Recommendations- Support

Bill # Senator	Description	Committee Hearing Date Status
LB 20 Cavanaugh J.	Require the provision of electric service to customers that own an agricultural self-generation facility NREA Support	N. Resources 1/22/25 Final Reading
LB 43 DeKay	Updates language from LB 1370 (2024) to define “electric-related” components and allows a one-time certification for distribution utilities and expands the requirement from new construction to now include maintenance and future upgrades to the infrastructure; NREA Support	N. Resources 1/22/25 Final Reading
LB 91 DeKay	Change provisions relating to the conveyance of electric distribution systems by public power districts or public power and irrigation districts to cities or villages; NREA & NPA Support	N. Resources 1/23/25 Final Reading

# Position Recommendations- Support

Bill # Senator	Description	Committee Hearing Date Status
LB 105 Hughes	Change procedures for voting or election precincts for public power districts NREA & NPA Support	N. Resources 2/12/25
LB 317 Brandt	Merge the Department of Natural Resources with the Department of Environment and Energy	N. Resources 2/13/25
LB 546 Rountree	Allows the Governor to declare an emergency when requested by a political subdivision that supplies electricity, natural gas, water or sewer service	GMVA

# Position Recommendations- Oppose

Bill # Senator	Description	Committee Hearing Date Status
LB 129 McKeon	Prohibits a county, city, village or other political subdivision from restricting or prohibiting any energy source or the supplier of an energy source to include “ <b><u>a retail marketer of any other energy source</u></b> ”; NREA & NPA Oppose	N. Resources 1/29/25
LB 349 Prokop	In 70-1001.01 - Adds a definition for “electric energy storage resource” and amends the definition of an electric supplier to include “any legal entity, <b><u>public or private</u></b> , supplying, producing, <b><u>storing</u></b> , or distributing...” Also, amends the definition of a privately developed renewable energy generation facility to include “ <b>an electric energy storage resource</b> ” Also, provides a method for “ <b>electric energy storage resources</b> ” to gain approval at the Power Review Board; NREA & NPA Oppose	N. Resources

# Position Recommendations- Oppose

Bill # Senator	Description	Committee Hearing Date Status
LB 503 Bosn	Allows counties to designate as American energy friendly if they have zoning friendly to renewable energy and receive additional funds from the nameplate capacity tax of 1 ½ times the rate set for other renewable energy; also contains definition for “electric energy storage resource” NREA & NPA Oppose	Revenue 2/19/25
LB 673 Raybould	Transfers \$250M from the Perkins County Canal Project Fund to the Water Sustainability Fund; NPA Oppose	Appropriations 3/18/25
LB 674 Raybould	Transfers funds from the Perkins County Canal Project - \$250M to the General Fund and \$250M to the Water Sustainability Fund; NPA Oppose	Appropriations 3/18/25

# Position Recommendations- Neutral

Bill # Senator	Description	Committee Hearing Date
LB 489 Brandt	Prohibits the operation, maintenance, construction, or acquiring of transmission lines or related facilities within the state by a non-public power entity	N. Resources 2/5/25
LB 526 Jacobson	2.5 cent per kWh excise tax on crypto mining & rate adjustment authority for public power districts NREA & NPA Opposed	Revenue 2/12/25



# Position Recommendations- Monitor

Bill # Senator	Description	Committee Hearing Date
LB 121 Hardin	Prohibits the landfill disposal of solar panels and wind turbine blades and component parts of such	N. Resources 1/30/25
LB 409 Cavanaugh J.	After a term limited seat become open on the Power Review Board it will be filled with a journeyman electrician who is a member of a labor union	N. Resources
LB 450 Fredrickson	Allows municipalities to finance the installation of backup generators, solar panels and battery storage and smart grid technology	Urban Affairs 2/11/25
LB 660 Andersen	Provides that to the extent practicable, political subdivisions must only purchase drones or UAVs which are cleared by the State Division of Aeronautics under the " <u>Secure Drone Purchasing Act</u> ";	GMVA 2/19/25



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## Questions

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