

**Legislative Report - November 9, 2025**  
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**Governor Pillen Directs Medicaid Division of Nebraska Department of Health of Human Services to Remove Abortion Service Providers from State's Medicaid Benefits.** Through an Executive Order in early November, the Governor cut Medicaid Tax dollars from providing abortion services by removing these providers from the state program. Currently there are two Planned Parenthood locations in Nebraska. His action is applauded by all of us and the many groups who have long fought for the protection of the unborn in our state.

**2026 Legislative Session Only About a Month Away!!** So many issues are surfacing that could be fodder for the up-coming, 60-working day session in January. Regulations relating to the Medical Marijuana Amendment passed last year could resurface in the form of more legislation and continued revenue shortfalls and adjustments to the biennial budget passed last year may be addressed. Other issues hitting the news include prison overcrowding and possible impeachment proceedings of University of Nebraska Regent due to allegations of causing bodily injury while intoxicated. University of Nebraska budget cutting issues may be in the mix. Current budget cutting has prompted a call for a faculty no-confidence vote for the UNL Chancellor. Senator Kathleen Kauth of Omaha has indicated introduction of legislation to clarify male and female use of gender at birth bathrooms and locker rooms. Throw those in with it being an election year for the Governor and half of the Legislature should provide for an interesting, issue-packed sixty days.

**Politics Everywhere We Look.** My husband used to say that politics is the art of taking a problem or situation, looking at all the possible solutions and working to find the best outcome. Hopefully that art will prevail as our elected officials face the next session.

**From St. John Paul II - A Quote on Politics and Government.** Authentic democracy is possible only in a state ruled by law on the basis of a correct view of the human person. Nowadays there is a tendency to claim that agnosticism and skeptical relativism are the philosophy and the basic attitude which correspond to democratic forms of political life. Those who are convinced that they know the truth and firmly adhere to it are considered unreliable from a democratic point of view, since they do not accept that truth is determined by the majority or that it is subject to variation according to different political trends. It must be observed in this regard that if there is no ultimate truth to guide and direct political activity, then ideas and convictions can easily be manipulated for reasons of power. As history demonstrates, a democracy without values turns into open and thinly disguised totalitarianism.

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