

**Weather:**

Cloudy and mild today with a 40 percent chance of rain this afternoon. Easterly winds 10-15 mph with a high of 49. Cold and windy tonight with a 40 percent chance of rain changing to snow. Low of 28. Windy and much colder on Tuesday with a 30 percent chance of light snow. High of 28.

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## Legislators spare NU from Kerrey's ax

By Todd von Kampen  
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The Legislature voted Friday to override line-item vetoes by Gov. Bob Kerrey that would have quadrupled the university's cut in state support this school year.

For three hours Friday afternoon, NU faced a budget cut of \$12.3 million — 7.45 percent of its state support — instead of the \$3.4 million approved by state senators Nov. 5.

After senators refused to pass bills that would have increased state cigarette and income taxes, Kerrey told the Legislature he was adding another \$24 million to the \$17 million in overall cuts in the main budget bill. Senators left him no other option to meet the state's revenue shortfall, he said.

"We only have two choices: decrease the budget or increase the revenues," Kerrey said in his veto message. "We have seen the chaos that exists at the federal level where the inability or unwillingness to face a fiscal reality has led us to the brink of disaster. I will

not and cannot be a party to that type of irresponsible action."

The Legislature already had decided before the vetoes to reverse itself and accept an increase in the cigarette tax. After the vetoes came in, senators voted 33-15 to accept the income tax

The special session adjourned minutes later.

Lincoln Sen. Don Wesely, who spoke consistently against deep NU budget cuts during the session, said he felt "like I heard a shot, looked around and felt only a nip" after the vetoes were

voted 26-18 against passing the cigarette tax bill with the emergency clause. Supporters then tried to pass the bill without the clause, but lost on a 26-19 vote.

Senators then voted 31-15 to pass the income tax bill with the emergency

Marsh said.

"That's the only action he could take in light of the stupidity (the Legislature) exhibited this morning by refusing to increase the income tax rate," Marsh said.

Before lunch, senators moved to reconsider the cigarette tax bill and voted 27-19 to pass it without the emergency clause. When the Legislature reconvened, Omaha Sen. Ernest Chambers, who had not voted on the income tax bill, moved to reconsider it.

Omaha Sen. Tim Hall, who had opposed the tax, said he would support it because of Kerrey's vetoes.

In addition to the extra \$9 million cut for NU, the line-item vetoes included \$6 million less in state aid to schools, \$1.5 million less in state aid to local governments, \$470,000 less for the Department of Revenue and \$1.4 million less for the state colleges.

"This is an act which is consistent with our duty, our job: balance the budget, doing it as best we can," Landis said.

### Legislators cut budgets, increase taxes to meet shortfall

From Staff Reports

The following legislative action was taken during the special session to meet a projected \$41 million revenue shortfall in the 1985-86 fiscal year:

- The 1985-86 budget was reduced from \$828 million to \$811

million, including a \$3.4 million cut in NU's state support. NU and state government will have less money this year than in 1984-85.

- The state cigarette tax was raised from 18 cents to 23 cents a pack beginning March 1, 1986. The increase is expected to raise \$2.4 million this fiscal year. Senators rejected an attempt to pass the bill

with an emergency clause which would have moved the effective date to Dec. 1 and raised an additional \$1.6 million.

- Nebraska's individual income tax was raised from 19 to 20 percent of federal income tax liability for 1985 only. The increase is expected to raise \$17.3 million this fiscal year.

increase — exactly the number of votes needed for the tax to take effect before the year's end.

The Legislature then voted 37-9 to override all of Kerrey's line-item vetoes and return the budget cuts to \$17 million.

overridden. The \$12.3 million cut for NU would have stuck if the Legislature had not given the income tax bill the 33 votes it needed to take effect immediately, he said.

The stage for Kerrey's budget vetoes was set Friday morning when senators

clause, two votes short of the necessary total. Later the Legislature voted 24-10 to pass the bill without the clause, but failed by one vote to get the 25 votes necessary for passage. Kerrey then had no choice but to use his line-item veto on the budget bill, Lincoln Sen. Shirley

## Regents to determine temporary reductions in university budget

By Martha Stoddard  
Staff Reporter

NU President Ronald Roskens said Friday he and other NU chancellors will make temporary reductions in the university budget to meet the 2 percent cut approved by the Legislature.

Roskens said the cuts could be a combination of items on the list of potential cuts already drawn up for a 3 percent budget reduction. Roskens said several of the temporary budget cut decisions have been made, but those could change because of the switch from 3 percent to 2 percent. A special meeting of the NU Board of Regents would be unnecessary to approve the temporary cuts.

Roskens refused to speculate on what cuts would be made. The 3 percent budget reduction list included cuts in part-time faculty members, equipment, travel, library spending, women's athletics, NETV, the Nebraska State Museum, Sheldon Art Gallery, the Community Resource and Research Center, the Bureau of Business Research, the Counseling Center, the extension service and the elimination of some UNL staff members other than tenured faculty members.

The second part of the list included permanent cuts to the budget. Roskens said that permanent cuts still are necessary because the Legislature reduced the university's base budget by about \$3.3 million.

Permanent UNL budget cuts after July 1, 1986, could include \$542,000 from the budgets for women's intercollegiate athletics and the Bob Devaney Sports Center; \$125,000 from the NETV budget; \$250,000 from closing the Com-

munity Resource and Research Center and the Bureau of Business Research; \$400,000 from the extension agent budget; \$80,000 from Sheldon Art Gallery and the Nebraska State Museum; and \$1.3 million from closing the NU School of Technical Agriculture at Curtis.

Roskens said the regents would have to approve any permanent budget cuts.

However, Roskens said he doesn't expect any change in the university's budget request for next year because of the cuts. The request already was submitted to the Legislature.

Roskens spoke to reporters during an open meeting with students and regents.

Speakers from some student groups spoke to the regents about the effects of the university's tight budget on students. Barb Meister of Farm Action Concerns Tomorrow's Society asked the regents not to make further cuts in agriculture-related areas, especially the proposed elimination of the Curtis technical agriculture school, elimination of several extension service agents and cutting the contracts for out-of-state education of veterinary students.

When the football team had losing seasons 20 years ago, she said, the university didn't abandon it and substitute polo or golf. Instead, it built on the capacity to create a winning team. The university should do the same for agriculture, Meister said.

Members of the Home Economics and the Business Student Advisory Boards said that budget cuts in their areas had increased class size and made classes harder for students to get.



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### Washing weather

Todd Anderson, a UNL senior economics major, lowers the windshield wipers after washing and polishing his car at a carwash on Cornhusker Highway Sunday. Temperatures in the upper 50s were recorded throughout the area.

### \$10 million gift formally accepted

## Regents move ahead on Lied Center

By Martha Stoddard  
Staff Reporter

The NU Board of Regents took further steps Friday toward the construction of the Lied Center for Performing Arts.

By a 7-1 vote, the regents approved the design development booklet for the center, formally accepted the \$10 million gift from the Lied Foundation, agreed to the conditions of the gift and approved the issuance of bond anticipation notes for the center.

Regent Robert Simmons of Scottsbluff voted against the resolutions. He questioned whether the university could afford to accept the gift from the Lied Foundation.

"The center will be a cost to the university today, tomorrow and forever," he said.

Regent John Payne of Kearney countered, saying the center was a rare opportunity for the university. He noted that most of the money for the center has been donated.

The regents' action on the Lied Center will allow the university to issue \$24.4 million in bond anticipation notes.

Unlike ordinary long-term bonds, the bond anticipation notes will be due in one year. However, most of the \$24 million will be in escrow to repay the notes and cannot be spent, according to resolution terms approved by the regents. No student fees are involved.

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