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Weather: Windy and colder Tuesday with lingering light snow east, nearly steady or slowly falling temperatures in teens to low 20s. Partly cloudy and cold Tuesday night, low 5 above to 5 below. Partly sunny Wednesday, high upper 20s to mid-30s west and upper teens to low 20s east.

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Tournament approved; liquor sale questioned

By Lee Rood
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Mayor Bill Harris announced Monday that the Coors Light International Water Skiing Tournament will be July 23 and 24th in Lincoln, but the City Council still has to vote on whether alcohol can be served at the Capital Beach event.

Gates Minnick, a Lincoln city council member, said liquor may be served inside the Capital Beach marina, because it has a liquor license.

The City Council still needs to vote on special designated permits as to whether or not alcohol will be allowed outside the marina where sponsors want beer sold.

And because the second day of the tournament begins at noon on a Sunday, the council must also decide on whether to amend the times in which alcohol can be served on Sunday.

Present Lincoln statutes allow for beer to be sold from 6 to 11 p.m. on Sunday.

Minnick said the council is going to vote as soon as possible on the alcohol matter, but did not give a specific date.

While Harris said the city council

and tournament sponsors are cooperating to reach an agreement on the alcohol policy, council members aren't making any promises.

"The mayor assumed there won't be a problem, but we haven't voted yet," council member Linda Wilson said.

The original site of the tournament was scheduled to be at Holmes Lake, but because the lake is in a city park, alcohol may not be served there. Capital Beach is privately owned.

A spokesman for the tournament said the event is expected to draw about 10,000 people, which will feature top water skiers from around the world.

The tournament, which includes both men and women, will be covered by ESPN and other media.

Minnick said he was pleased that the tournament was coming to Lincoln. He said it "is just another example of what this community can do if we all work together."

Harris said the city is not directly involved with the tournament, but he expects to do everything he can to help play host to the event.

Funding for Curtis introduced Monday

From Staff Reports

Financing legislation for the Nebraska College of Technical Agriculture at Curtis has once again found its way to the Nebraska Legislature.

If the bill passes it will give the college \$350,000 for fiscal 1988 and \$1.4 million for 1989.

Sen. William Barrett of Lexington introduced the bill Monday afternoon for Gov. Kay Orr.

"The legislative concern is simply the funding," Barrett said.

Barrett said the bill probably will not go to the floor until after the first

week of February when the Department of Agriculture is scheduled to release a needs and assessment report on the Curtis school.

In mid-February, Barrett said, the bill will be introduced to the University of Nebraska Board of Regents for their consensus.

The bill stated that if passed, the regents will control the mission of the school. It would also be responsible for utility costs.

The bill states that the Curtis school will be organized to provide expedient response to changes needed to serve the agricultural industry in Nebraska.

Bill to make helmets mandatory receives first-round approval

By Phil Richmond
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The 90th Nebraska Legislature opened its second session Wednesday morning by introducing two new senators and reviving issues from the previous session.

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Helen Campbell of Columbus replaced Lee Rupp in the 22nd District. Campbell was appointed by Gov. Kay Orr Jan. 4 following Rupp's resignation to become vice president for university relations at the University of Nebraska.

David Bernard-Stevens of North Platte was appointed by the governor on Dec. 30 to represent the 42nd District. Bernard-Stevens was appointed after James Pappas resigned.

Legislators will face a full agenda of topics as they attempt to resolve legislation that was pushed aside last session.

Legislators gave first-round approval to a mandatory motorcycle helmet law Thursday, moving closer to clearing carry-over legislation. Other carry-over bills include the school consolidation proposal, elimination of the death penalty and adoption of new criteria for sentencing the mentally ill.

Discussion of bills proposed this session will begin when the carry-over legislation has been resolved.

Much of the first day was spent discussing rule changes. Sen. Scott Moore of Stromsburg introduced a cloture proposal that would limit floor debate. Moore said the proposal was an attempt to head off any future filibuster planned by Sen. Ernie Chambers of Omaha.

Moore reminded the lawmakers of the difficulties they experienced when Chambers tied up the legislature for hours last session during discussion of Orr's business tax proposals.

The proposal was voted down 12-24.



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Gov. Kay Orr talks to the legislature during Monday's State on the State address.

State of the State Address: Orr proposes faculty salary increases

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After Gov. Kay Orr's State of the State Address Monday, state senators applauded Orr's efforts to improve education in Nebraska, but some questioned where they will find the money to back the proposal.

In her speech, Orr urged Nebraska legislators to pass a proposal to increase financing for all Nebraska education systems.

Orr proposed \$10 million for salary increases for university and state college employees for fiscal year 1989. Orr also has proposed an additional \$10.7 million for restoration of state aid to schools and \$4 million for research.

The salary proposal for the university could mean a \$14.47 million increase — or an average 8.1 percent salary increase.

Sen. David Landis of Lincoln said Orr's proposals are very significant.

"I've been here 10 years," Landis said, "and many people have said they support higher education, but she is actually doing something to help."

The largest obstacle, Landis said, will be trying to raise the funds. He said he saw increasing taxes as the solution.

Orr stressed education as the single most important issue for Nebraska.

"It is now time to move forward on commitments of the past and to ease the burden of higher education costs," she said.

Orr also proposed \$1.4 million for the Nebraska School of Technical Agriculture at Curtis in a fund separate from the university and state college proposals.

Orr said Nebraskans can be proud of their education systems, but said financing should be continued to protect "our children, who are, after all, our most important resource."

Orr cited increased revenue and improved conditions in the state as reasons "for optimism and confidence" in the future.

Sen. William Barrett of Lexington agreed with Orr's confidence. He said the state currently has a surplus of revenues, and some of that money could be used for education.

Orr also said something must be done about migration from farming communities to cities in Nebraska. She added that farm communities and families should not be overlooked in the budget.

"There is no single, all-encompassing solution to this problem," Orr said.

Orr said legislators should recognize the need for new jobs and a diversified economy to keep younger people in the state and create a better tax base.

Without new jobs, Orr said, young people will see a lack of opportunity in Nebraska.

Neither tax increases nor a budget cut are acceptable, Orr said, and the preparations for the future of the state must continue.

"The carefully prepared kindling has received its spark, and Nebraska's flame has started to glow," Orr said.

Sen. Arlene Nelson of Grand Island said increased spending in education is necessary, but she has "great reservations" that the money can be raised without raising taxes.

However, Orr said, without the Legislature to back initiatives, the flame will be extinguished.

"If we don't expect too much too soon we can continue to move forward," she said.

"Gov. Orr's plan is commendable and should be applauded . . ."

Sen. Carol Pirsch of Omaha said, "but we should be cautious of overly ambitious plans."

She said the state should not put money into any program until they are sure they can support it in the future. She cited the Nebraska School of Technical Agriculture at Curtis.