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Nebraska Legislature Has Lots of Work Left

LINCOLN, Neb. (AP) - With a little more than a month left in the session, Nebraska lawmakers still to have to take final action on some of the year's largest and most contentious issues.

The list includes the budget, property taxes, medical marijuana and a death-penalty repeal effort. Lawmakers also must decide whether to grant driver's licenses to youths in the federal deferred-action program, and whether all other motorists should pay a higher tax at the gas pump.

Also pending are proposed new protections for gay and lesbian employees, and an effort to freeze the state's \$8 an hour minimum wage for high school students.

Speaker of the Legislature Galen Hadley says he is still aiming to allow debate on every priority bill that has advanced out of committee.

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