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Mr. President, Mr. Speaker, and  
Members of the Legislature  
State Capitol  
Lincoln, NE 68509

Dear Mr. President and Members of the Legislature:

With this letter, I am returning LB 198 with my signature and with line-item reductions. My vetoes of General Fund appropriations in LB 198 total \$4.2 million over the next two years and eliminate commitments of future Nebraska Legislatures to appropriate an additional \$12.5 million to complete the funding for projects initiated in LB 198.

I have vetoed \$294,000 General Funds in FY 2013-14 and \$250,000 General Funds in FY 2014-15 from the Capitol Commission for funding of capital improvements. After my veto the Commission will have new appropriations of \$294,000 General Funds in FY 2013-14 and \$250,000 General Funds in FY 2014-15 for ongoing capital improvement projects in the Capitol Building. In addition, it is estimated that the Commission will carryover an estimated \$240,000 of unobligated appropriations on June 30, 2013, to be used for improvements in FY 2013-14 and FY 2014-15. This \$784,000 is adequate to address the priority projects of the Commission for the upcoming biennium. I have not reduced the specific earmarks in LB 198 for conservation and restoration of Capitol space occupied by the Legislature.

I have vetoed \$1,477,000 General Funds for each year of FY 2013-14 and FY 2014-15 for the University of Nebraska Medical Center College of Nursing – Lincoln Campus. This \$2,954,000 appropriation for the University and the commitment of future Nebraska Legislatures to provide the remaining \$11,794,300 to complete this building project was considered and deemed the lessor priority and not funded when the University brought an early request and received an early allocation during the 2012 legislative session of \$65.0 million in state Cash Reserve Funds and \$60.9 million in General Funds for capital projects that will be undertaken by the University with state support in the 2013-2015 biennium. Savings recognized on current projects should be returned to the taxpayer and not used to rationalize an additional capital project requiring even greater appropriations than was saved.

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I have vetoed \$113,535 General Funds in FY 2013-14, \$596,059 General Funds in FY 2014-15, and \$709,593 General Funds in future commitments for renovation of the Nebraska History Museum. These amounts exceed the appropriation needed to fund the Nebraska State Historical Society's estimated project costs for necessary building repairs. After my veto, the \$4,580,813 General Funds and \$2,000,000 committed to this project by the 309 Task Force for Building Renewal will be sufficient to address issues of deferred maintenance, failures in the original building systems, and fire code and ADA code compliance.

I urge you to sustain these reductions to LB 198.

Sincerely,

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Attachment

**103rd LEGISLATURE, FIRST SESSION (2013)**  
**LB 198 - Capital Construction 2013-2015 Biennial Budget Bill**  
 Governor's Line-Item Vetoes

Agency Name	Item	Fund Type	FY 2013-14 Veto	FY 2014-15 Veto	Biennium Total	Future
<b>LB 198 Appropriations</b>						
Administrative Services	State Capitol Improvements	General	294,000	250,000	544,000	0
Historical Society	Museum Renovation	General	113,535	596,059	709,594	709,593
University of Nebraska	College of Nursing-Lincoln Division building	General	1,477,000	1,477,000	2,954,000	11,794,300
<b>TOTAL LB 198 APPROPRIATIONS VETOES</b>			<b>1,884,535</b>	<b>2,323,059</b>	<b>4,207,594</b>	<b>12,503,893</b>