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(Neb.)-Gov. Heineman Says State Legislature Sent Mixed Signals

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LINCOLN, Neb. (AP) - Nebraska Gov. Dave Heineman says lawmakers sent mixed signals during this year's session, approving a slimmed-down version of his tax cut package but enacting other measures that could end up costing taxpayers.

The Republican governor said in a press conference Thursday he appreciated the Legislature's work on child welfare issues. But he said he disagreed with two votes on the session's final day that overrode his vetoes.

Lawmakers overcame Heineman's objections and pressed two bills into law: One that will restore taxpayer-funded prenatal care benefits for illegal immigrants, and one that will give cities the power to impose voter-approved sales tax increases to a rate as high as two percent.

Lawmakers also rebalanced the state's two-year budget and invested in new University of Nebraska medical facilities. The session ended Wednesday.

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