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(Neb.)-Nebraska Legislature Has A Lot Of Ground To Cover

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LINCOLN, Nebraska (AP) - The Nebraska Legislature has made it through two-thirds of this year's session but still has a lot of ground to cover.

With looming budget talks and a contentious debate over a proposed Medicaid expansion in Nebraska, the Legislature's Speaker Greg Adams of York says lawmakers need to buckle down and decide what should take priority.

Adams says he isn't confident the Legislature will be able to debate all bills senators designated as their most important piece of legislation. He is working with committee chairs to see which bills can be put off until next year.

The Legislature's Appropriations Committee Chairman Heath Mello of Omaha says it is absolutely necessary for bills with large fiscal notes to be scaled down to have a realistic chance of passing.