



## Nebraska Regent David Hergert's Impeachment Trial Gets Underway



University of Nebraska regent David Hergert's impeachment trial got underway Monday. It was the first time in more than 20 years the court has dealt with an impeachment. Hergert is accused of breaking campaign finance laws during his 2004 regent's race and violating his oath of office.

After attorneys made opening statements several witnesses were called to testify. The first was Governor Heineman, who was only on the stand a few minutes. He said afterwards it was to establish the importance of the oath of office.

Then government and university officials, as well as Hergert's campaign treasurer, were among those called to testify about the 2004 regent's election and campaign spending. David Domina, the lawyer representing the legislature, said Hergert orchestrated a cover-up of wrongdoing.

Sean Brennan, one of Hergert's lawyers, reiterated the stance that this trial is not about election fraud, and is politically motivated.

Hergert was in the courtroom, and is expected to testify in the trial, but that didn't happen Monday. The proceedings resume Tuesday morning at 9 a.m.