



**Hundredth Legislature - First Session - 2007**  
**Committee Statement**  
**LB 272**

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**Hearing Date:** February 22, 2007  
**Committee On:** Revenue

**Introducer(s):** (Kopplin)

**Title:** Provide for issuance of bonds by certain natural resources districts and a levy on taxable property

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**Roll Call Vote – Final Committee Action:**

- Advanced to General File
  - Advanced to General File with Amendments
  - Indefinitely Postponed
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**Vote Results:**

7	Yes	Senators Burling, Cornett, Dierks, Janssen, Langemeier, Preister and Raikes
0	No	
1	Present, not voting	Senator White
0	Absent	

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**Proponents:**

Senator Gail Kopplin  
John Winkler  
Dean Edson  
Marty Grate  
Gary Troutman  
Fred Uhe  
Jim Thompson

**Representing:**

Introducer  
Papio-Missouri River NRD  
Nebraska Association of Resources Districts  
City of Omaha  
Sarpy County Board  
John Fullenkamp  
Papio-Missouri River NRD

**Opponents:**

Mike Ryan  
Duane Wilcox  
Paul Ruwe  
Jennifer Anderson  
Shawn Melotz  
Joe Kohout  
Tyler Mohr  
Julie Thacker  
Curt Bromm  
Michael Larimore

**Representing:**

Himself  
Washington County Board  
Nebraska Farm Bureau Federation  
Herself  
Herself  
Douglas County Board of Commissioners  
Himself  
Herself  
Papio Valley Preservation Authority  
Himself

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**Neutral:**  
Dr. Marian Maas

**Representing:**  
Herself

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**Summary of purpose and/or changes:**

LB 272 would have allowed Natural Resources Districts encompassing a metropolitan class city to issue flood control and reservoir bonds using a levy of up to three cents per \$100 of taxable value without a vote. If the levy were required to be more than three cents, a vote of the public would have been required to approve the bonds and the levy. The proceeds of the bonds could be used to acquire right-of way and for construction of flood control and reservoir projects.

Elections to exceed the three-cent limit were to be proposed by resolution of the board and would be held in conjunction with a statewide primary or general election.

Section 6 would have amended section 77-3442 (levy limits) to authorize NRDs to levy an additional tax of up to three cents per \$100 of taxable valuation for the purposes of section 1 of the bill.

**Explanation of amendments, if any:**

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**Senator Ray Janssen, Chairperson**