

Hundredth Legislature - First Session - 2007 Committee Statement LB 321

Hearing Date: February 20, 2007 **Committee On:** Appropriations

Introducer(s): (Speaker Flood)

Title: Appropriate funds for state government expenses

Roll Call Vote – Final Committee Action:

Advanced to General File

X Advanced to General File with AmendmentsIndefinitely Postponed

Vote Results:

9 Yes Senators Engel, Fulton, Harms, Heidemann, Kruse, Nantkes,

Nelson, Synowiecki and Wightman

0 No

0 Present, not voting

0 Absent

Proponents: Representing:

Gerry Oligmueller Introducer - Governor's office

Andrea McAllister State Advisory Committee on Problem Gambling

and Addiction Services

Opponents: Representing:

Neutral: Representing:

Greg Lemon Nebraska Tax Research Council

Summary of purpose and/or changes: LB 321, introduced by the Speaker at the request of the Governor, is a part of the Governor's biennial budget recommendations. This bill is the mainline appropriations bill for the biennium that begins July 1, 2007 and ends on June 30, 2009. This measure includes the recommended funding for all State operations and aid programs. The bill includes the authorized transfers from cash funds to the General Fund and provides the necessary definitions for the proper administration of appropriations and personal service limitations.

Explanation of amendments, if any: The amendment becomes the bill. The amendment contains the Committee's recommendation for the bulk of appropriations to be made during the

budget biennium for state operations and state aid. Statutorily authorized transfers among funds are made in conformance with budget requirements as are transfers from the General Fund.

Please refer to "State of Nebraska Biennial Budget, FY 2007-08 and FY2008-09, As Proposed by the Appropriations Committee 100th Legislature, First Session," published April, 2007. A narrative description of highlights of the recommendation begins on page 33 for state aid followed by operations beginning on page 50. Tabular data follows in additional sections, itemizing the recommendation by agency (page 62), aid program (page 65), and all fund sources (page 67). A narrative description of the recommendation by each state agency begins on page 98.

Senator Lavon Heidemann, Chairperson