



Hundredth Legislature - First Session - 2007
Committee Statement
LB 345

Hearing Date: February 26, 2007
Committee On: General Affairs

Introducer(s): (Burling)
Title: Change the state song

Roll Call Vote – Final Committee Action:

Advanced to General File
Advanced to General File with Amendments
X Indefinitely Postponed

Vote Results:

6	Yes	McDonald, Karpisek, Dierks, Erdman, Janssen, Preister
0	No	
0	Present, not voting	
2	Absent	Dubas, Friend

Proponents:

Senator Carroll Burling
Ginger ten Bensel
Marge Lauer
Catherine Wilson
Cindy Simonson
Christopher Amundson
Anita Morse
Cassidy Morse
Robert Woodward

Representing:

Introducer
Self
KAAPA & Country-adventures.com
Alcott School
Self
Nebraska Life Magazine
Self
Self
Self

Opponents:

Mark Miller
Charles Bacon
Kristin C. Lukow
Nick Fras
Wally Fras
Connie J. Schneider
June Rozanek
Paul J. Schneider, Jr.
Dr. David J. Hibler, Sr.

Representing:

Family of Guy G. Miller
NebraskaLand Foundation
Self
Family of Jim Fras
Family of Jim Fras
Self
Fairview Manor, Fairmont
Self
Citizens for Beautiful Nebraska

Neutral:

None

Representing:

Summary of purpose and/or changes:

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LB 345 proposed changing the state song from “Beautiful Nebraska” to “I Love Nebraska.”

Chapter 90 of the Nebraska Statutes contains “Special Acts.” Article 1 (§90-101 to §90-120) consists of General Provisions of the State, and includes laws naming the state bird, gem, fossil, rock, grass, tree, insect, soil, mammal, banner, symbol and slogan, and song.

The law naming the state song was adopted in 1967. Extensive debate was held on what the state song should be before the Legislature passed LB 535 which named “Beautiful Nebraska” as the state song and which Governor Norbert Tiemann signed into law.

Details

Section 1 amends §90-111, which names the state song, by changing the song from “Beautiful Nebraska,” words and music by Jim Fras to “I Love Nebraska,” words and music by Ginger ten Bensel.

Section 2 repeals the original section.

Explanation of amendments, if any:

Senator Vickie McDonald, Chairperson