



Hundredth Legislature - First Session - 2007
Committee Statement
LB 537

Hearing Date: January 26, 2007
Committee On: Revenue

Introducer(s): (Schimek)

Title: Authorize the collection and dissemination of motor fuel tax on land held in trust for Indian tribes

Roll Call Vote – Final Committee Action:

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

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

Proponents:

Senator Dianna Schimek
Larry Wright, Jr.
Fred LeRoy
Mitchell Parker

Representing:

Introducer
Ponca Tribe of Nebraska
Ponca Tribe of Nebraska
Omaha Tribe of Nebraska

Opponents:

Tim Keigher

Representing:

Nebraska Petroleum Marketers & Convenience
Stores Association

Neutral:

None

Representing:

Summary of purpose and/or changes:

LB 537 would allow tribes with land held in trust agreements with the Federal government to participate in motor fuel tax enforcement and revenue sharing agreements with the State of Nebraska. In the 2001 session, tribes with reservation status were authorized to pursue such agreements. The Ponca Tribe is a recognized tribe without reservation status, holding tribal land pursuant to a trust agreement. Therefore, the Ponca Tribe was not authorized in the 2001 legislation to pursue such agreement.

The bill would allow the Ponca Tribe and other tribes holding land in trust status to participate in these motor fuel collection and revenue sharing agreements.

Explanation of amendments, if any:

The Committee amendments would limit the extension of this authority to Nebraska based tribes.

Senator Ray Janssen, Chairperson