

**ONE HUNDREDTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION -
2008**

COMMITTEE STATEMENT

LB881

Hearing Date: January 30, 2008

Committee On: Revenue

Introducer(s): (Stuthman)

Title: Impose an excise tax on production of ethanol

Roll Call Vote - Final Committee Action:

Indefinitely Postponed

Vote Results:

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

Proponents:

Senator Arnie Stuthman, Introducer

Representing:

District 22

Opponents:

Todd Sneller
Clifford Mesner
John Campbell
Charles B. Wilson
Keith Olson
Steve Ebke
Mitch Stuhr
Duane Kristensen
John K. Hansen
Mike Kinney

Representing:

Nebraska Ethanol Board
City of Central City, NE
Ag Processing, Inc.
Trenton Agri Products
Nebraska Farm Bureau
Nebraska Corn Growers Association
Abengoa Bioenergy Corporation
Chief Ethanol Fuels Inc.
Nebraska Farmers Union
Husker Ag LLC

Walter Kittrell
Tydd Rohrbough
Loran Schmit

Fagen Inc.
Cornhusker Energy Lexington LLC
Ethanol Producers Association of Nebraska

Neutral:

Representing:

None

Summary of purpose and/or change:

LB 881 would have established a three cent per gallon tax on ethanol production and directed that the tax be collected by the Revenue Department and paid into the Highway Trust Fund quarterly.

Proceeds were to be distributed by a formula giving 50 percent to the state for the Highway Cash Fund, and 25 percent each to the cities and counties through the Highway Allocation Fund formula.

Explanation of amendments, if any:

Senator Ray Janssen, Chairperson