



Hundredth Legislature - First Session - 2007
Introducer's Statement of Intent
LB 472

Chairperson: Abbie Cornett
Committee: Business and Labor
Date of Hearing: January 29, 2007

The following constitutes the reasons for this bill and the purposes which are sought to be accomplished thereby:

Formerly, the “Commission of Industrial Relations” was known as the “Court of Industrial Relations. Its members are not judges but, rather, commissioners. They are not subject to the Nebraska Code of Judicial Conduct, as are all judges. They are subject to removal by the Governor rather than by the Nebraska Supreme Court, as is the case with all judges. They are appointed by the Governor, with the advice and consent of the Legislature. The Legislature has no role in the appointment of judges.

Proceedings before the Commission are “hearings,” not “trials.”

The Nebraska Supreme Court has ruled that the Commission is not a court, but an administrative agency.

All things considered, it is altogether fitting and proper that the members of the Commission of Industrial Relations be known as “commissioners,” as are the member of all other commissions – for example: The Public Service Commission, Equal Opportunity Commission, State Athletic Commission, Liquor Control Commission, Mexican American Commission, Commission on Indian Affairs, Commission for the Blind and Visually Impaired.

Principal Introducer: _____
Senator Ernie Chambers