



Hundredth Legislature - Second Session - 2008
Introducer's Statement of Intent
LB 865

Chairperson: LeRoy Louden
Committee: Natural Resources
Date of Hearing: January 30, 2008

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

In the 2007 legislative session a ban was instituted that prohibited trapping within the road right of way. Since that time discussions have occurred regarding when would the use of the right of way be an appropriate location for trapping. Certain individuals in Nebraska are licensed to capture live raptors for use in hunting. The trapping of these birds of prey is strictly regulated and such trapping does not entail the placement of a trap without supervision. In trapping a raptor the trapper spots a possible bird, dispenses a live trap and the trapper maintains constant supervision of the trap. The likelihood of a pet or unsuspecting person being caught in raptor trap is very unlikely. As such it appears that such trapping could be done in a manner that is safe and one that the Game and Parks Commission can regulate through the development of rules and regulations. Thus, LB 865 gives Game and Parks the limited authority to authorize the trapping of raptor in the county road right of way.

Principal Introducer:

Senator Carol Hudkins