

Hundredth Legislature - Second Session - 2008 Introducer's Statement of Intent LB 929

Chairperson: Brad Ashford Committee: Judiciary

Date of Hearing: January 25, 2008

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

By its terms, LB 929 bans hunting, trapping and fishing in the State of Nebraska. A first violation is a Class I misdemeanor; any subsequent offense is a Class IV felony.

Lest anyone deem me to be crazy, here is the "intent and purpose" of the bill: To demonstrate in a concrete manner, that amending the Constitution in order to "protect" these activities in a State such as Nebraska, is nothing less than an abasement of that fundamental document.

This bill has as much likelihood of becoming law as the Pope becoming a Muslim simply because I tell him he should. Its predictable defeat should serve as an object lesson which may spare the Constitution from being cluttered and debased.

Realistically speaking, it is no more necessary to "protect" hunting, trapping and fishing, with a constitutional amendment than it is to "protect" the "right to breathe air," by means of such an amendment.

May the integrity of the Constitution be preserved.

Principal Introducer:	
-	Senator Ernie Chambers