

ONE HUNDRED FIRST LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION - 2009
COMMITTEE STATEMENT
LB184

Hearing Date: Wednesday January 28, 2009
Committee On: Natural Resources
Introducer: Louden
One Liner: Authorize Department of Natural Resources to administer riparian water rights

Roll Call Vote - Final Committee Action:
Advanced to General File

Vote Results:

Aye:	7	Senators Carlson, Cook, Dubas, Haar, Langemeier, McCoy, Schilz
Nay:		
Absent:	1	Senator Fischer
Present Not Voting:		

Proponents:

Senator LeRoy Louden
Vicki Wasserburger
Ron Bishop
John Hansen

Representing:

Introducer
Self
Nebraska Association of Resources Districts
Nebraska Farmers Union

Opponents:

Representing:

Neutral:

Jean Angell

Representing:

Department of Natural Resources

Summary of purpose and/or changes:

LB 184 would authorize the Department of Natural Resources to administer riparian water rights. This right is a common law doctrine that permits landowners whose land borders a river or stream to claim use of the water.

Details

Section 1 amends 46-226, relating to adjudication of water rights, by authorizing the department to administer riparian water rights that have been recognized by the court. It further provides requirements that must be in the court order, and the priority process the department is to employ.

Section 2 repeals the original section.

Chris Langemeier, Chairperson