

ONE HUNDRED FIRST LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION - 2009
COMMITTEE STATEMENT
LB389

Hearing Date: Tuesday February 03, 2009
Committee On: Agriculture
Introducer: Carlson
One Liner: Change appointment provisions for the Climate Assessment Response Committee

Roll Call Vote - Final Committee Action:
Advanced to General File with amendment(s)

Vote Results:

Aye: 8 Senators Carlson, Council, Dierks, Dubas, Karpisek, Price, Schilz, Wallman

Nay:

Absent:

Present Not Voting:

Proponents:

Rick Leonard
Pete McClymont

Representing:

Introducer
Nebraska Cattlemen

Opponents:

Representing:

Neutral:

Representing:

Summary of purpose and/or changes:

LB 389 removes a requirement of legislative confirmation as a qualification of appointment to the Climate Assessment Response Committee and clarifies that members of the Legislature designated by statute are ex-officio, non voting members of the Committee rather than appointed by the Governor.

The bill carries the emergency clause.

Explanation of amendments:

The Committee amendments (AM 355) retains legislative confirmation as a qualification of appointment except for the Directors, or their designees, of the Departments of Agriculture, Health and Human Services and Natural Resources who are made ex-officio members and thus assume duties related to the Climate Assessment Response Committee as a function of their office. Additionally, the change would no longer require legislative confirmation of appointment of a representative of the Governor's Policy Research Office. Appointment of a Policy Research Office staff is relocated to a portion of the statute that allows additional appointments at the Governor's prerogative of representatives of administrative agencies. The amendment retains the emergency clause and clarification of the ex-officio but non voting membership of the chairs of the Agriculture and Natural Resources Committees of the Legislature.

