

**ONE HUNDRED FIRST LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION - 2009**  
**COMMITTEE STATEMENT**  
**LB485**

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**Hearing Date:** Thursday February 19, 2009  
**Committee On:** Revenue  
**Introducer:** Cornett  
**One Liner:** Exempt natural gas from sales tax and impose an excise tax on natural gas

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**Roll Call Vote - Final Committee Action:**  
Indefinitely postponed

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**Vote Results:**

<b>Aye:</b>	6	Senators Adams, Utter, Louden, Hadley, Friend, Dierks
<b>Nay:</b>		
<b>Absent:</b>	1	Senator White
<b>Present Not Voting:</b>	1	Senator Cornett

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**Proponents:**

Senator Abbie Cornett  
Douglas R. Clark

**Representing:**

Introducer  
Metropolitan Utilities District

**Opponents:**

Jack Cheloha  
Joe Kohout  
Gary Krumland

**Representing:**

City of Omaha  
United Cities of Sarpy County  
League of Nebraska Municipalities

**Neutral:**

Roger D. Cox

**Representing:**

Nebraska Public Advocate

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**Summary of purpose and/or changes:**

LB 485 would have repealed the sales tax on natural gas; exempted natural gas from sales and use tax; and provided for an excise tax on natural gas.

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Abbie Cornett, Chairperson