

ONE HUNDRED FIRST LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION - 2010
COMMITTEE STATEMENT
LR286CA

Hearing Date: Tuesday February 02, 2010
Committee On: Transportation and Telecommunications
Introducer: Fischer
One Liner: Constitutional amendment to create the Highway Trust Fund, designate revenue sources, and provide for uses

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

Vote Results:

Aye:	7	Senators Campbell, Fischer, Gay, Hadley, Lautenbaugh, Loudon, Stuthman
Nay:		
Absent:		
Present Not Voting:	1	Senator Janssen

Proponents:

Senator Deb Fischer
Jessica Kolterman

Larry Dix
Lynn Rex
Pete McClymont
William Arneson
Curt Smith
Bruce Bohrer
Loy Todd

Walt Radcliffe
Dan Park

Opponents:

Neutral:

Jack Cheloha

Representing:

Introducer
Greater Omaha Chamber & Nebraska Farm Bureau Federation
Nebraska Association of County Officials
League of Nebraska Municipalities
Nebraska Cattlemen
Professional Engineers Coalition
Association of General Contractors, Nebraska Chapter
Lincoln Chamber of Commerce
Nebraska Petroleum Marketers & Convenience Store Association; Nebraska Trucking Association; Nebraska Chamber; Nebraska New Car & Truck Dealers Association
Nebraska Expressways for Economic Development
American Council of Engineering Companies Nebraska

Representing:

Representing:

City of Omaha

Summary of purpose and/or changes:

LR 268CA creates the Highway Trust Fund in the Nebraska Constitution and reserves the three current main highway revenue sources for highway maintenance, preservation, and expansion.

The resolution adds a new Section 14 to Article VIII (Revenue) that creates the Highway Trust Fund. The revenue from fuel taxes, sales tax on motor vehicles, and motor vehicle registrations shall be placed in the Trust Fund if already authorized by law on January 1, 2011. The Legislature can also provide other sources of revenue for the Fund.

The Highway Trust Fund is to be used exclusively for:

1. maintenance, preservation, and expansion of highways, roads, and streets and related expenses (including bond payments);
2. administrative expenses for the collection of motor fuel taxes, motor vehicle sales taxes, or motor vehicle registration fees; and
3. any other use authorized by law as of January 1, 2011.

The Legislature can allocate the money in the Highway Trust Fund through statutory law.

Deb Fischer, Chairperson