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LEGISLATIVE BILL 389

Introduced by Carlson, 38.

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Committee: Agriculture

A BILL

1 FOR AN ACT relating to agriculture; to amend section 2-4901,
2 Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; to change
3 appointment provisions for the Climate Assessment
4 Response Committee; to repeal the original section; and
5 to declare an emergency.
6 Be it enacted by the people of the State of Nebraska,

1 Section 1. Section 2-4901, Reissue Revised Statutes of
2 Nebraska, is amended to read:

3 2-4901 (1) The Climate Assessment Response Committee is
4 hereby created. The office of the Governor shall be the lead agency
5 and shall oversee the committee and its activities. The committee
6 shall be composed of representatives appointed by the Governor
7 ~~with the approval of a majority of the Legislature~~ from livestock
8 producers, crop producers, and the Nebraska Emergency Management
9 Agency, Conservation and Survey Division and Cooperative Extension
10 Service of the University of Nebraska, Department of Agriculture,
11 Department of Health and Human Services, Department of Natural
12 Resources, and Governor's Policy Research Office. Representatives
13 from the federal Consolidated Farm Service Agency and Federal
14 Crop Insurance Corporation may also serve on the committee at
15 the invitation of the Governor. ~~The Governor may appoint the~~
16 chairperson of the Committee on Agriculture of the Legislature
17 and the chairperson of the Committee on Natural Resources of
18 the Legislature ~~and shall be nonvoting, ex officio members of~~
19 the committee. The Governor may appoint any other state agency
20 representatives or invite any other federal agencies to name
21 representatives as he or she deems necessary. The Governor shall
22 appoint one of the Climate Assessment Response Committee members
23 to serve as the chairperson of the committee. Committee members
24 shall be reimbursed for actual and necessary expenses as provided
25 in sections 81-1174 to 81-1177.

1 (2) The committee shall meet at least twice each year and
2 shall meet more frequently (a) at the call of the chairperson, (b)
3 upon request of a majority of the committee members, and (c) during
4 periods of drought or other severe climate situations.

5 (3) The chairperson may establish subcommittees and may
6 invite representatives of agencies other than those with members on
7 the committee to serve on such subcommittees.

8 (4) Any funds for the activities of the committee and for
9 other climate-related expenditures may be appropriated directly to
10 the office of the Governor for contracting with other agencies or
11 persons for tasks approved by the committee.

12 Sec. 2. Original section 2-4901, Reissue Revised Statutes
13 of Nebraska, is repealed.

14 Sec. 3. Since an emergency exists, this act takes effect
15 when passed and approved according to law.