ONE HUNDRED SECOND LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION - 2011 COMMITTEE STATEMENT LR40CA

Hearing Date: Friday March 04, 2011 **Committee On:** Natural Resources

Introducer: Pirsch

One Liner: Constitutional amendment to declare fishing, trapping, and hunting to be rights forever preserved

subject to reasonable restrictions

Roll Call Vote - Final Committee Action:

Advanced to General File

Vote Results:

Aye: 7 Senators Carlson, Christensen, Haar, Langemeier, McCoy, Schilz,

Smith

Nay: 1 Senator Dubas

Absent:

Present Not Voting:

Proponents: Representing:

Senator Pete Pirsch Introducer

Wes Sheets Nebraska Division, Izaak Walton League of America

Scott Smathers

Nebraska Sportsmens Foundation

Melvin Wilkison

Nebraska Council of Sportsmens Clubs

Jeff Rawlinson Game and Parks Commission

Bryan Van Deun Self

Larry Hutchinson Nebraska Chapter, American Fisheries Society

Jessica Kolterman Nebraska Farm Bureau Federation

Steve Donovan Ducks Unlimited

Opponents: Representing:

Neutral: Representing:

Summary of purpose and/or changes:

This proposed amendment to the state's Constitution would make hunting, fishing and trapping protected rights for Nebraskans.

Section 1 calls for the following amendment to Article XV of Nebraska's Constitution to be submitted to voters at the November 2012 general election: that fishing, trapping and hunting are a valued part of the heritage of the people and will be a right forever preserved for the people subject to reasonable restrictions as prescribed by law.

Section 2 requires that the proposed amendment be placed on the ballot in a specific manner with specific wording.

Chris Langemeier, Chairperson