

# **One Hundred Second Legislature - First Session - 2011**

## **Introducer's Statement of Intent**

### **LB206**

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**Chairperson: Senator Deb Fischer**

**Committee: Transportation and Telecommunications**

**Date of Hearing: January 31, 2011**

The following constitutes the reasons for this bill and the purposes which are sought to be accomplished thereby:

LB 206 amends the provisions of the Camper Unit Permit Act and the motor vehicle laws to provide for the disposition of abandoned camper units and cabin trailers. Abandoned campers on private property and within the jurisdiction of a municipality pose a public hazard and are an attractive nuisance. The Nebraska Supreme Court has consistently ruled that municipalities must have clear statutory authority in state law to exercise any power or take any action.

Current Nebraska law in Section 60-1901 R. S. Supp. 2010 provides the authority for municipal ordinances needed to address abandoned vehicles, but not authority to dispose of abandoned camper units or cabin trailers. LB 206 provides the statutory authority in state law necessary for municipalities to dispose of campers abandoned on private property and within their jurisdiction. Necessary statutory authority is also granted to state agencies, counties and municipalities to dispose of abandoned campers on public property.

LB 206 defines what is an abandoned camper unit and cabin trailer where the municipality can take action. LB 206 uses a procedure for abandoned campers that is consistent with current Nebraska law governing the disposition of abandoned vehicles.

**Principal Introducer:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Senator John Wightman**