

ONE HUNDRED SIXTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION - 2020
COMMITTEE STATEMENT
LB848

Hearing Date: Wednesday February 19, 2020
Committee On: Government, Military and Veterans Affairs
Introducer: Pansing Brooks
One Liner: Change Columbus Day to Indigenous People's Day

Roll Call Vote - Final Committee Action:
Advanced to General File with amendment(s)

Vote Results:

Aye:	6	Senators Blood, Brewer, Hansen, M., Hunt, La Grone, Lowe
Nay:	1	Senator Kolowski
Absent:	1	Senator Hilgers
Present Not Voting:		

Oral Testimony:

Proponents:

Senator Patty Pansing-Brooks
Vincent Litwinowicz
Larry Wright Jr.
Derek LaPointe
Don Wesley
Judi gaiashkibos
Chandra Walker
Tracy Hartman-Bradley
Colette M. Yellow Robe
Devon Gambrell
Margaret Heuttl
Biagro Paniele Arobba
Margaret Jacobs
Erin Olsen

Representing:

Introducer
Self
Ponca Tribe
Santee Sioux Nation
The Winnebago Tribe of NE
NE Commission on Indian Affairs
Native Caucus
NSEA
Self
Nebraskans for Peace
Self
Self
Self
ACLU of NE

Opponents:

Giovanni Portera
Charles Venditte
Sam Troia
Pam Rowland
Eugene Crisafulli
Todd Procopio

Representing:

Self
Self
Self
Self
Self
Self

Neutral:

Representing:

Summary of purpose and/or changes:

This bill would insert a new section of statute to designate the second Monday in October of each year as Indigenous Peoples' Day in recognition of their historical, cultural, and contemporary significance and the many contributions of such people. The bill also strikes two existing references to Columbus Day and replaces them with references to

Explanation of amendments:

The committee amendment makes two important changes to LB 848.

First, the introduced version of the bill would forbid transaction of any business by any department of the state on that day. Senator Pansing Brooks introduced AM 2263 to strike this provision, and the committee amendment includes the changes proposed in AM 2263.

Second, the introduced version of the bill would have ended observance of Columbus Day in Nebraska and replaced it with Indigenous Peoples' Day. The committee amendment would provide that the second Monday in October is Indigenous Peoples' Day and Columbus Day.

Tom Brewer, Chairperson