

ONE HUNDRED SEVENTH LEGISLATURE

FIRST SESSION

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 48

Introduced by Bostelman, 23.

WHEREAS, the Legislature has long recognized that it is in the best interest of the public to maintain low-cost, reliable electric service; and

WHEREAS, the State of Nebraska and other states experienced extreme cold temperatures during February of 2021; and

WHEREAS, those temperatures caused greater energy needs throughout Nebraska and surrounding states; and

WHEREAS, public power districts serving Nebraska residents participate in the Southwest Power Pool, which is a regional transmission organization; and

WHEREAS, the increased energy needs across the region served by the Southwest Power Pool caused public power districts in Nebraska to receive requests to load shed or reduce electricity usage; and

WHEREAS, residents throughout the state experienced power outages as a result of the responses from the public power districts to those requests; and

WHEREAS, it is imperative that the Legislature act on behalf of the residents of Nebraska to understand the circumstances and practices surrounding the power outages.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MEMBERS OF THE ONE HUNDRED SEVENTH LEGISLATURE OF NEBRASKA, FIRST SESSION:

1. That the Legislature recognizes the need for an understanding of the reasons for and circumstances surrounding the interruptions in electricity to residents in the state.

2. That the Natural Resources Committee of the Legislature provide a report of its findings of the reasons for and circumstances surrounding the power outages experienced by Nebraskans.