



**Hundredth Legislature - First Session - 2007
Committee Statement
LR 10**

Hearing Date: February 21, 2007
Committee On: Health and Human Services

Introducer(s): (Johnson)

Title: Urge Nebraska's congressional delegation to ensure that Congress timely reauthorizes the State Children Health Insurance Program

Roll Call Vote – Final Committee Action:

- Advanced to General File
 - X Advanced to General File with Amendments
 - Indefinitely Postponed
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Vote Results:

7	Yes	Senator(s): Johnson, Erdman, Hansen, Howard, Gay, Pankonin, Stuthman
	No	
	Present, not voting	
	Absent	

Proponents:

Senator Joel Johnson
Susan Hale
Jennifer Carter

Sarah Ann Lewis

Representing:

Introducer
Center for People in Need
Nebraska Appleseed Center for Law in the Public Interest
Voices for Children in Nebraska

Opponents:

Representing:

Neutral:

Representing:

Summary of purpose and/or changes:

LR 10 relates to federal reauthorization of the “State Children’s Health Insurance Program” (SCHIP). In Nebraska, the program is called “Kid’s Connection.” The resolution:

1. “urges the members of Nebraska’s congressional delegation to ensure that Congress timely reauthorizes the State Children Health Insurance Program (SCHIP) to assure federal funding for "Kids Connection;”
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2. “urges the Governor to use his best efforts to work with the Nebraska congressional delegation to ensure that SCHIP is reauthorized in a timely manner;”

3. “proclaims that all components of state government should work together with educators, health care providers, social workers, and parents to ensure that all available public and private assistance for providing health benefits to uninsured children in this state be used to the maximum extent possible;” and

4. “urges the Governor to use his best efforts to provide meaningful assistance to help identify and enroll children who qualify for medicaid or the ‘Kids Connection’ [program].”

Explanation of amendments, if any:

The committee amendment (AM 545) amends paragraph 1 of the resolution to urge “appropriate” federal funding for the SCHIP program and strikes paragraphs 3 and 4.

Senator Joel Johnson, Chairperson