

ONE HUNDRED THIRD LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION - 2014
COMMITTEE STATEMENT
LB391

Hearing Date: Friday February 22, 2013
Committee On: Natural Resources
Introducer: Davis
One Liner: Change water law provisions relating to water storage

Roll Call Vote - Final Committee Action:
Advanced to General File

Vote Results:

Aye: 8 Senators Brasch, Carlson, Dubas, Haar, Johnson, Kolowski, Smith, Schilz

Nay:

Absent:

Present Not Voting:

Proponents:

Senator Al Davis
Rodney Schwartz
John McClure
Michael Jess
Mel Brozek

Representing:

Introducer
Self
Nebraska Public Power District
Ainsworth Irrigation District
Mirage Flats Irrigation District

Opponents:

Representing:

Neutral:

Michael Drain

Representing:

Central Nebraska Public Power and Irrigation District

Summary of purpose and/or changes:

LB 391 clarifies the prohibition against storing water in reservoirs when water is required for direct irrigation "downstream." Adding the word "downstream" would prevent the Department of Natural Resources from issuing a closing notice to a reservoir only for a direct irrigation demand upstream of such reservoir.

Tom Carlson, Chairperson