

**ONE HUNDRED THIRD LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION - 2013**  
**COMMITTEE STATEMENT**  
**LR171**

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**Hearing Date:** Monday May 20, 2013  
**Committee On:** Natural Resources  
**Introducer:** Dubas  
**One Liner:** Support the development and designation of a continuous Chief Standing Bear Trail from Nebraska to Oklahoma

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**Roll Call Vote - Final Committee Action:**  
Report to the Legislature for further consideration

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**Vote Results:**  
**Aye:** 8 Senators Brasch, Carlson, Dubas, Johnson, Kolowski, Schilz, Haar, Smith  
**Nay:**  
**Absent:**  
**Present Not Voting:**

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<b>Proponents:</b> Senator Annette Dubas Scott Schafer	<b>Representing:</b> Introducer Nebraska Commission on Indian Affairs
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<b>Opponents:</b>	<b>Representing:</b>
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<b>Neutral:</b>	<b>Representing:</b>
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**Summary of purpose and/or changes:**

LR 171 states historical and background information on Chief Standing Bear and proclaims that the Legislature supports the development and designation of a continuous trail from Nebraska to Oklahoma in recognition of Chief Standing Bear.

This May marks the 134th Anniversary of the landmark case Standing Bear v. Crook decision in which the U.S. District Court in Omaha ruled that Native Americans are "persons" within the meaning of the law. The Nebraska Commission on Indian Affairs is working on a plan with a variety of partners for a trail in honor of Chief Standing Bear that will run from Nebraska to Oklahoma.

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Tom Carlson, Chairperson