



Ninety-Ninth Legislature - Second Session - 2006
Committee Statement
LB 900

Hearing Date: January 25, 2006

Committee On: Government, Military and Veterans Affairs

Introducer(s): (Preister)

Title: Redefine public body for purposes of the Open Meetings Act

Roll Call Vote – Final Committee Action:

Advanced to General File

Advanced to General File with Amendments

X Indefinitely Postponed

Vote Results:

6	Yes	Senators Burling, Fischer, Langemeier, Mines, Schimek, Wehrbein
0	No	
1	Present, not voting	Senator Pahls
1	Absent	Senator Brown

Proponents:

Senator Don Preister
 Alan Peterson
 Lynn Moorer

Bob Rose

Representing:

Introducer
 Media of Nebraska
 Citizens Leading Environmental Action in Nebraska
 Eastern Nebraskans Against Chemical Trespass
 Mr. Lorus Luetkenhaus
 Ms. Melissa Konecky
 Self

Opponents:

Frank Daley

Beverly Neth
 Daniel Crouchley
 Robert Houston
 Ann Frohman
 Lynn Rex

Representing:

Nebraska Accountability and Disclosure Commission
 Department of Motor Vehicles
 Metropolitan Utilities District of Omaha
 Department of Correctional Services
 State Department of Insurance
 League of Nebraska Municipalities

Neutral:

Representing:

Summary of purpose and/or changes:

LB 900 adds courts and administrative agencies acting in a quasi-judicial capacity to the definition of public body under the Open Meetings Act.

The bill also eliminates language providing that entities conducting judicial proceedings are not public bodies. By eliminating this language, public bodies performing judicial and “quasi-judicial” proceedings will be required to follow the Open Meetings Act.

Explanation of amendments, if any:

Senator DiAnna R. Schimek, Chairperson