

ONE HUNDRED FIRST LEGISLATURE - FIRST SPECIAL SESSION - 2009
COMMITTEE STATEMENT (CORRECTED)
LB11

Hearing Date: Monday November 09, 2009
Committee On: Agriculture
Introducer: Dubas
One Liner: Change provisions relating to commodity funds

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

Vote Results:

Aye: 8 Senators Carlson, Council, Dierks, Dubas, Karpisek, Price, Schilz, Wallman

Nay:

Absent:

Present Not Voting:

Proponents:

Brandon Hunnicutt
Curt Friesen
Michael Kelsey
Jay Rempe
Larry Sitzman
Lori Luebbe
Zoe Olson
Ed Woepfel
Pat Ptacek
Alan Tiemann

Representing:

NeCGA
Self
Nebraska Cattleman
Nebraska Farm Bureau Federation
Nebraska Pork Producers Association
Nebraska Soybean Association
Nebraska Wheat Growers Association
Nebraska Cooperative Council
Nebraska Grain Feeders
Nebraska Corn Board

Opponents:

Representing:

Neutral:

Representing:

Summary of purpose and/or changes:

Inserts express prohibition to the lapse of cash funds associated with commodity promotion programs to the general fund. Section 1 of the bill states legislative findings of the value of commodity promotion programs and that it is in the interest of the state that use of checkoff funds be restricted to their intended purposes. Sections 2 - 9 amend various sections of commodity promotion statutes establishing associated cash funds that are repositories of checkoff assessments collected under authority of the underlying programs. The revisions would insert new text pertaining to the permissible use of the funds that expressly prohibits money deposited into the funds or federal funds received by the programs from lapsing to the general fund.

The bill contains the emergency clause

Tom Carlson, Chairperson