

ONE HUNDRED SECOND LEGISLATURE

FIRST SESSION

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 332

Introduced by Natural Resources Committee: Langemeier, 23, Chairperson;
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39; Schilz, 47; Smith, 14.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this interim study is to determine the fairness of permanent wildlife conservation easements in today's economic and agricultural climates. Such a study should include, but not be limited to, an examination of the following:

(1) Loss of property tax receipts to a county due to reclassification of land;

(2) Loss of productive cropland;

(3) The ability of the Nebraska Environmental Trust to fund easements through the grant process;

(4) The ability of the Nebraska Environmental Trust to hold land in fee or obtain easements;

(5) The right of a county to refuse approval of such easements;

(6) The right of affected political subdivisions to receive notice prior to the granting of such easements;

(7) Limiting the easement to a set amount of time; and

(8) Limiting the tax benefits that landowners can realize by entering into easements.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MEMBERS OF THE ONE HUNDRED SECOND LEGISLATURE OF NEBRASKA, FIRST SESSION:

1. That the Natural Resources Committee of the Legislature shall be designated to conduct an interim study to carry out the purposes of this resolution.

2. That the committee shall upon the conclusion of its study make a report of its findings, together with its recommendations, to the Legislative Council or Legislature.