

ONE HUNDRED SECOND LEGISLATURE

SECOND SESSION

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 545

Introduced by Mello, 5.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this resolution is to study Nebraska statutes and regulations that deal with the Nebraska Power Review Board's approval of major investments in electric utility power plants. Nebraska electric utilities are considering major investments to upgrade power plants and to meet new environmental regulations, and those investments could cost more than the cost of building the power plants originally. Although the Nebraska Power Review Board is charged with reviewing proposals to build new electrical generation, under current law it appears these major new investments will not be subject to Nebraska Power Review Board review even though they could have substantial impacts on ratepayers. The committee should study current laws and regulations in Nebraska, the treatment of similar investments in other states, and the need for changes to Nebraska statutes.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MEMBERS OF THE ONE HUNDRED SECOND LEGISLATURE OF NEBRASKA, SECOND 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.