

ONE HUNDRED THIRD LEGISLATURE

FIRST SESSION

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 40

Introduced by Davis, 43; Campbell, 25; Gloor, 35; Hansen, 42; Johnson, 23;
Kintner, 2; Larson, 40; Nelson, 6; Scheer, 19; Wallman, 30;
Watermeier, 1; Dubas, 34.

WHEREAS, the federal government does not have funds available to be used for cost sharing to replace fences destroyed by wildfires between private and public lands in Dawes County, Sioux County, and Sheridan County in Nebraska; and

WHEREAS, it is traditional for owners of adjacent lands to share the replacement costs of common fences; and

WHEREAS, the affected private landowners will bear a huge expense to replace over two thousand miles of fencing, including one hundred twenty-two miles of federal fencing, in the affected area of Dawes County, Sioux County, and Sheridan county; and

WHEREAS, the private landowners have already been devastated by drought and forced to liquidate approximately forty percent of their livestock; and

WHEREAS, the private landowners do not have adequate funds to pay the extensive cost of replacement fences; and

WHEREAS, good fences make good neighbors.

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

1. That the Legislature requests the United States Forest Service to reconsider its original decision not to pay a proportionate share of the

replacement costs of fences destroyed by wildfires between private and public lands in Dawes County, Sioux County, and Sheridan County in Nebraska.

2. That the Legislature is supportive of all efforts to maintain a collaborative partnership with the United States on a wide range of public issues, including good stewardship of federal lands located within the State of Nebraska.

3. That a copy of this resolution be sent to President Barack Obama, the United States Forest Service in Chadron, and each member of the Nebraska congressional delegation.