

ONE HUNDRED FOURTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION - 2015
COMMITTEE STATEMENT
LB128

Hearing Date: Tuesday February 03, 2015
Committee On: Agriculture
Introducer: Chambers
One Liner: Repeal the Black-Tailed Prairie Dog Management Act

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

Vote Results:

Aye:	7	Senators Bloomfield, Chambers, Harr, Johnson, Kolterman, Larson, Riepe
Nay:		
Absent:		
Present Not Voting:	1	Senator Schilz

Verbal Testimony:

Proponents:

Senator Ernie Chambers
Bruce Kennedy
John Hansen
Jarel Vinduska
Angelika T. L. Byorth
Kenneth Winston
Dave Hutchinson
Robert Bernt
Jocelyn Nickerson
Rachel Simpson

Representing:

Introducer
Wachiska Audubon Society
Nebraska Farmers Union
Nebraska Wildlife Federation
Self
Nebraska Chapter of the Sierra Club
Hutchinson Organic Ranch
Self
Humane Society of the United States
Self

Opponents:

Larry Dix
Scott Smathers
Dave McCracken
Jack Andersen

Representing:

Nebraska Association of County Officials
Nebraska Sportsmen's Foundation
Nebraska Cattlemen
Self

Neutral:

Representing:

Summary of purpose and/or changes:

LB 673 outright repeals 23-3801 through 23-3810 which collectively are cited as the Black-tailed Prairie Dog Management Act.

81-2,236 authorizes the Director of Agriculture to cooperate with USDA-APHIS for control and management of predators, rodents and other wildlife injurious to livestock, game and human health. The bill would strike express text that authorizes the control of black-tailed prairie dogs.

Jerry Johnson, Chairperson