

ONE HUNDRED NINTH LEGISLATURE

SECOND SESSION

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 471

Introduced by Brandt, 32.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this resolution is to propose an interim study to examine issues related to the production of natural gas. Recent dynamic changes and growth in energy consumption will drive pressure on the supply of natural gas, the capacity of the existing pipelines, and affordability.

The study shall include, but not be limited to, the following:

(1) Evaluating whether natural gas companies operating in Nebraska have sufficient natural gas capacity to cover:

- (a) Home heating;
- (b) Existing, planned, and forecasted generation of electric power;
- (c) The production of ethanol; and
- (d) The needs of the agriculture industry/bioeconomy;

(2) Evaluating whether natural gas companies have adequate existing pipelines, pipeline capacity, firm supply, and storage; and

(3) Evaluating the affordability of the rising prices of natural gas.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MEMBERS OF THE ONE HUNDRED NINTH 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.