



Hundredth Legislature - Second Session - 2008
Introducer's Statement of Intent
LB 1094

Chairperson: LeRoy Louden
Committee: Natural Resources
Date of Hearing: February 13, 2008

The following constitutes the reasons for this bill and the purposes which are sought to be accomplished thereby:

LB 1094 is introduced in an effort to solve the dilemma caused by the lawsuit, against the state of Nebraska, by landowners in the Republican River basin. Surface water irrigators, who gave up irrigation water in the 2007 crop year, were not paid in December, 2007, as they were promised.

LB 1094 would allow the Natural Resources Commission, at the recommendation of the director of Natural Resources, to loan money from the Nebraska Resources Development Fund to natural resource districts owing money to landowners who voluntarily gave up irrigating crops in 2007 to help send more water to Kansas.

Principal Introducer:

Senator Tom Carlson