

**ONE HUNDRED FIRST LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION - 2009**  
**COMMITTEE STATEMENT**  
**LB209**

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**Hearing Date:** Friday January 30, 2009  
**Committee On:** Natural Resources  
**Introducer:** Langemeier  
**One Liner:** Change provisions relating to time for construction of irrigation projects and dams

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

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**Vote Results:**

**Aye:** 8 Senators Carlson, Cook, Dubas, Fischer, Haar, Langemeier, McCoy, Schilz  
**Nay:**  
**Absent:**  
**Present Not Voting:**

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**Proponents:**

Senator Chris Langemeier  
Tom Mountford  
  
Paul Zillig

**Representing:**

Introducer  
Lower Platte North Natural Resources District,  
Nebraska Association of Resources Districts  
Lower Platte South Natural Resources District,  
Nebraska Water Resources Association, Nebraska  
State Irrigation Association

**Opponents:**

**Representing:**

**Neutral:**

**Representing:**

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**Summary of purpose and/or changes:**

LB 209 extends the time frame by six months in which a dam or water project must commence after receiving Department of Natural Resources approval.

Section 1 amends Section 46-238, in the irrigation and regulation of water statutes, by changing the time from six months to twelve months in which a water project for irrigation, power, or other useful purpose must commence after receiving permit approval from the Department of Natural Resources. Also allows the department to grant extensions on commencement of a project.

Section 2 amends Section 46-1654, under the Safety of Dams and Reservoirs Act, by allowing the Department of Natural Resources to grant an extension for a project to commence if the procedures stated in Section 46-238(2) are followed.

Section 3 repeals the original sections.

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Chris Langemeier, Chairperson