

ONE HUNDRED FIRST LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION - 2009
COMMITTEE STATEMENT
LB239

Hearing Date: Thursday January 29, 2009
Committee On: Revenue
Introducer: Lathrop
One Liner: Provide a homestead property tax exemption for certain disabled veterans

Roll Call Vote - Final Committee Action:
Indefinitely postponed

Vote Results:

Aye: 8 Senators Adams, Cornett, Dierks, Friend, Hadley, Louden, Utter, White
Nay:
Absent:
Present Not Voting:

Proponents:

Doug Koebernick, Legislative Aide
Beth Bazyn Ferrell

Representing:

Senator Steve Lathrop, Introducer
Nebraska Association of County Officials

Opponents:

Representing:

Neutral:

Representing:

Summary of purpose and/or changes:

LB 239 would have authorized a property tax homestead exemption for a partially disabled veteran which was equal to the percentage of disability the veteran is determined to have by using federal standards. The disability must be service connected. The exemption was also available to the unremarried widow of the veteran. Under current law for the homestead program, only a 100 percent disabled veteran may receive a benefit.

Many sections were modified to reflect that this new percentage based exemption was available. These sections applied the current income and house valuation limits and provided a phased-out and partial exemption amount.

Abbie Cornett, Chairperson