



Ninety-Eighth Legislature - First Session - 2003
Committee Statement
LB 89

Hearing Date: February 21, 2003
Committee On: Natural Resources

Introducer(s): (Burling, McDonald, Stuthman)
Title: Change provisions relating to fish stocking by the Game and Parks Commission

Roll Call Vote – Final Committee Action:

Advanced to General File
Advanced to General File with Amendments
X Indefinitely Postponed

Vote Results:

5	Yes	Senators Friend, Kremer, Preister, Schrock, Stuhr
3	No	Senators Hudkins, Jones, Louden
0	Present, not voting	
0	Absent	

Proponents:

Senator Carroll Burling
Robin Hofpar
Gary Hartley

Gaylord Crawford
David Nelson
Jay Rempe

Opponents:

Mark Brohman
Julie Karavas
Joe Herrod
Robert Hilske

Larry Zadina
Tom Focht
Mike Houser

Neutral:

None

Representing:

Introducer
NE Fish Farmers and Lake Managers
NE Fish Farmers; Prairie Hill Fish Farms; NE
Aquaculture Board
NE Fish Farmers
Farmers National Company
NE Farm Bureau Federation

Representing:

Game and Parks Commission
NE Cattlemen
NE Division of Izaak Walton Leagues of NE
Nemaha NRD; NE Association of Resources
Districts
NE Chapter of the American Fisheries Society
Self
NE Council of Sportsmens Clubs

Representing:

Summary of purpose and/or changes:

The purpose of LB 89 is to prohibit the Game and Parks Commission from stocking or restocking fish, or providing onsite consulting services for any private lake unless the lake will be open to public access and use. There must be an agreement between the owner of the lake and an agency of either the local, state or federal government indicating that the lake will be open for public access.

The bill defines consulting services as water testing, sampling for fish populations, and determining fish size classifications. It does not include onsite assistance relating to aquatic disease, fish kills, or other public health and safety purposes.

Explanation of amendments, if any:

None

Senator Ed Schrock, Chairperson