

ONE HUNDRED FIRST LEGISLATURE - FIRST SPECIAL SESSION - 2009
COMMITTEE STATEMENT
LB6

Hearing Date: Monday November 09, 2009
Committee On: Agriculture
Introducer: Carlson
One Liner: Change inspection provisions of the Commercial Dog and Cat Operator Inspection Act

Roll Call Vote - Final Committee Action:
Indefinitely postponed

Vote Results:

Aye:	7	Senators Council, Dierks, Dubas, Karpisek, Price, Schilz, Wallman
Nay:		
Absent:		
Present Not Voting:	1	Senator Carlson

Proponents:

Representing:

Opponents:

Carol Wheeler
Judy Varner
Don Wesely

Representing:

Hearts United For Animals
Nebraska Humane Society
Humane Society of the United States

Neutral:

Representing:

Summary of purpose and/or changes:

LB 6 would have removed statutory prescription found in Section 54-628 and Section 54-630 requiring regular inspection of licensed entities and license applicants and replaced this with more discretionary authorization regarding the Department's inspection program under the Dog and Cat Operator Inspection Act. The revisions would have reverted to previous language that merely authorized and directed the Department to establish an inspection program. The intent of the revision is to restore flexibility in the scope of inspections required to be performed under the Act to allow the inspection burden to be commensurate with available resources.

The remainder of the bill consisted of conforming changes to provisions of the animal cruelty statutes regarding qualifications of facilities eligible to receive impounded animals.

Tom Carlson, Chairperson