

ONE HUNDRED FIFTH LEGISLATURE

FIRST SESSION

**LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 237**

Introduced by Groene, 42.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this resolution is to study all aspects and the history of the Nebraska Cooperative Republican Platte Enhancement project (N-CORPE), an interlocal agency created pursuant to the Interlocal Cooperation Act to pump ground water for the governmental purpose of augmenting water supplies in order to comply with an interstate compact to which the state is a party.

The study shall include an examination of the following:

(1) The amount of water pumped from affected land on a quarterly basis since the inception of N-CORPE;

(2) The plan and need for continued ground water pumping for such purposes;

(3) The effects and long-term impact of such ground water pumping on the community, including surface water users, those neighboring the project, and local governments;

(4) The effects of purchasing, selling, and leasing land and water rights for ground water pumping; and

(5) Finances related to the interlocal agreement and the project.

At least one hearing shall be held in the area affected by the interlocal agreement. At such hearing, presentations shall provide details concerning all relevant aspects of the work of those involved with or affected by the interlocal agreement. Testimony and information, both written and in-person, shall be accepted from all affected parties and the general public.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MEMBERS OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIFTH LEGISLATURE OF NEBRASKA, FIRST SESSION:

1. That the Natural Resources Committee of the Legislature shall be designated to conduct an interim study to carry out the purposes of this

resolution.

2. That the Natural Resources Committee shall hold at least one hearing in the area affected by N-CORPE.

3. That the committee shall upon the conclusion of its study make a report of its findings, together with its recommendations, to the Legislative Council or Legislature.