

ONE HUNDRED THIRD LEGISLATURE

FIRST SESSION

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 320

Introduced by Haar, 21.

PURPOSE: To examine statutes and procedures related to the eminent domain laws for oil pipelines and the authorities of local governments to regulate oil pipelines.

The study shall include, but not be limited to, an examination of the following:

1. Issues related to eminent domain authority by pipeline companies. This study should include whether using threats of eminent domain to obtain easements for a route that has subsequently been abandoned violate state or federal law and whether new laws need to be crafted to address this issue;

2. The role of local governing bodies in dealing with siting and routing pipelines, including zoning authority of counties and authority to protect ground water by natural resources districts; and

3. Any other issues necessary or proper to a complete examination of this issue.

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

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

2. 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.