

ONE HUNDRED FOURTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION - 2015
COMMITTEE STATEMENT (CORRECTED)
LB136

Hearing Date: Thursday March 19, 2015
Committee On: Judiciary
Introducer: Johnson
One Liner: Prohibit flying lanterns

Roll Call Vote - Final Committee Action:
Advanced to General File

Vote Results:

Aye:	7	Senators Coash, Ebke, Krist, Morfeld, Pansing Brooks, Seiler, Williams
Nay:		
Absent:	1	Senator Chambers
Present Not Voting:		

Verbal Testimony:

Proponents:

SEN. JERRY JOHNSON
JAMES STRAND
BERNIE KANGER
BILL BOWES
LYNN REX
STEVEN DEWALD
PAT PTACEK
RICHARD GRAUERHOLZ
RHONDA CERNY

JAY TEMPLAR
GEORGE LIPPERT

Representing:

INTRODUCER
SELF
OMAHA FIRE DEPARTMENT
NE MUNICIPAL FIRE CHIEFS
LEAGUE OF NE MUNICIPALITIES
ADM
NE ETHANOL PRODUCERS
SELF
NE STATE VOLUNTEER FIREFIGHTERS
ASSOCIATION
GERING FIRE DEPT.
SELF

Opponents:

MARVIN KOHLER
CURTIS SCHNASE
DAN BUNJER
TROY WHEELER
TOM TOWNE
THOMAS CLOUSE
KIRK MEYERS

Representing:

NFRA
DAVEY FIREWORKS
KA-BOOMER'S
NEBRASKA FIREWORKS RETAILERS ASSOCIATION
NEBRASKA FIREWORKS ASSOCIATION
SELF
SELF

Neutral:

Representing:

Summary of purpose and/or changes:

LB136 would prohibit the sale, possession and use of flying lantern-type devices.

The bill would define the term "flying lantern-type devices" as follows:

Flying lantern-type devices means devices that require a flame which produces heated air trapped in a balloon-type covering allowing the device to float in the air. Flying lantern-type devices shall not include hot-air balloons used for transporting persons.

The penalty for selling, possessing, or using a flying lantern-type device would be a Class V misdemeanor.

Les Seiler, Chairperson