ONE HUNDRED FIFTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION - 2017 COMMITTEE STATEMENT LB86

Hearing Date: Monday January 23, 2017

Committee On: Transportation and Telecommunications

Introducer: Blood

One Liner: Eliminate a requirement regarding opening bridge bids

Roll Call Vote - Final Committee Action:

Advanced to General File with amendment(s)

Vote Results:

Aye: 8 Senators Bostelman, Friesen, Briese, Geist, Hilgers, Hughes, Murante,

Smith

Nay:

Absent:

Present Not Voting:

Verbal Testimony:

Proponents: Representing:

Senator Carol Blood District 3
Fred Uhe Sarpy County

Beth Bazyn Ferrell NACO

Opponents: Representing:

Neutral: Representing:

Summary of purpose and/or changes:

The bill amends section 39-819, erection and repair of county bridges. Currently the section provides that when any contract for the construction or repair of a county bridge is required to be let by public bid, all bids shall be returned to the county clerk who is to open bids received in the presence of the county board.

The bill amends the section to eliminate the requirement that when the county clerk opens bids it must be done in the presence of the county board.

Explanation of amendments:

The committee considered and adopted an amendment which accomplishes the following:

The amendment substitutes for the bill and amends section 60-810 and would retain the requirement that bids be opened in the presence of of the county board. However, in any county having a population of more than 150,000 employing a purchasing agent, the bids shall be opened as provided in section 23-3111.

Curt Friesen, Chairperson