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Members of the Legislature's Natural Resources Committee advanced Sen. Mark Christensen's LB 862 to the floor with an 8-0 vote.

Christensen said Wednesday the committee advanced it last week but it did not get officially reported to the floor until Tuesday.

In the bill, Christensen seeks to fix the language governing occupation taxes created under LB 701 in 2007.

That bill allowed natural resource districts to charge a per-acre tax on irrigated land to help pay for compact compliance efforts with Kansas over Republican River stream flows.

A 10-cent property tax levy in the bill has already been declared unconstitutional by the Nebraska Supreme Court as a local tax being collected for a state purpose.

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