

## **Champion Mill, lake bill in select file**

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A bill that would transfer ownership of Champion Mill State Historical Park and State Recreation Area from the Nebraska Game and Parks Commission (NGPC) to Chase County has been moved to select file in the Nebraska Legislature.

The bill advanced Feb. 15. To be on select file means that LB 739 is out of the Natural Resources Committee, has been heard and debated on the floor, and will now be debated again, voted upon to advance it to final reading, voted upon again, then sent to the governor if approved, according to a spokesperson in Sen. Mark Christensen's office.

Christensen is the senator who introduced the bill on behalf of the NGPC and Chase County.

The bill came about because the NGPC is looking for ways to cut costs. Transferring ownership of the property in Champion would do that, according to Kirk Nelson of the NGPC.

The Chase County Commissioners voted last year to accept the property if the Legislature approves the move. Should the county not be able to finance maintenance of the mill and lake, NGPC will take back ownership, according to Nelson and the commissioners.