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HB 1028

2007 HOUSE STANDING COMMITTEE MINUTES

Bill/Resolution No. HB 1028

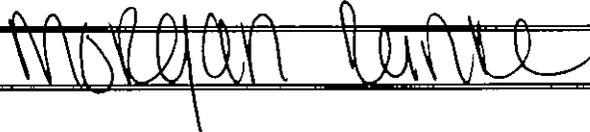
House Government and Veterans Affairs Committee

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Hearing Date: January 5, 2007

Recorder Job Number: 654

Committee Clerk Signature



Minutes:

Tim Dawson: Testimony

I'm here to explain this bill and not offer testimony for or against it. Basically it hinges the EICC to the energy development and transmission committee. It keeps the same structure as it had before with the EICC and expands the study area to improve more areas of energy including oil, gas, petroleum products. That's the simple description.

Rep. Haas: Any questions for Tim. I have one while we were sitting and visiting about the bill prior to the time of the convene. Does this new title and the new duties does not exclude them from studying electric compensation as they chose, is that correct?

Tim Dawson: You are correct in stating that the idea here is to have as broad of an area as study as possible and not exclude any form of energy

Rep. Haas: Thank you, are there further questions? Thank you very much. Is there additional testimony in favor of HB 1028?

Dennis Boyd: Testimony

The background of the electric compensation committee came into being 10 years ago at the request of MDU. They took a bill draft and established a committee with a special status of a standing committee because everybody was terrified that the feds were going to force

some sort of mandate on the electric providers all over the country. So it was there thought that if we created a special committee we could move kind of slow to watch what was going on, take our time, and that's exactly what has happened. That committee was established for six years as you know not too long after they got into it, a year or two, and interesting deregulation began and considerable problems for states happened. At the end of 6 years the legislature sought fit to renew it for another four years so this committee has been in existence for 10 years. While most of those interests are interesting, perhaps some other issues that divide electric industry are sort of moved to the back burner. I think this committee has seen fit to bring forth and change the status now to make it a regular, permanent, interim committee because energy issues are very, very large. There are lots of energy issues. The energy industry is a very significant contributor for the economy of state. I think it deserves that a special committee handle it because of the issues. On behalf of my company I ask you to pass this bill.

Rep. Haas: Are there any questions for Mr. Boyd?

Rep. Amerman: The new language shows who is going to be appointed and how many. The old language didn't say that. Is it the same makeup as the old bill?

Dennis Boyd: It is in fact basically the same language. When the committee was established 10 years ago it was nobody's desire to have it land on any particular issue through the legislature in fact we took great care that it was very equal representation, as far as republican and democrat, rural and urban legislatures.

Rep. Froseth: When you said a regular, permanent committee, why does it have a sunset as 2011? That is only four years.

Dennis Boyd: I didn't write the bill. Apparently they want to revisit it in four years. I think there are significant energy issues to warrant the change in this committee.

Rep. Kasper: Is the term energy industry enough to encompass all of the things that your company does?

Dennis Boyd: I think it is sufficiently broad that the wind issues, competition issues, etc. would fit in here.

Rep. Keiser: Testimony

Historically it began as an electrical energy committee. As it has done its work over the last four years it has recognized its need to broaden. It needs to integrate the various developments that are recurring within the greater energy environment. Last session we had a transmission authority bill which was really an electrical transmissions. This session we will be seeing a transmission pipeline bill coming which is very similar. They are making it a common thing. Going back to the governor's address, ND is one of the major energy producers in the US. We need to position ourselves in the state that we move that policy in an integrated fashion forward, so that ND can do the best job that we can for the industry and for the citizens of our state. I know from the committee standpoint we intentionally put that sunset on there to review and make sure we are doing what we need to. The testimony was by stating it in this form, the testimony was adequate – dealing to Rep. Kasper's question, in covering all of the various elements of the energy industry.

Rep. Haas: Is there any additional testimony in favor or opposed to HB 1028. If not we will close the hearing on HB 1028.

Rep. Kasper: Chair I move to do pass

Rep. Meier: I second

Rep. Haas: Is there any discussion? The HB 1028 passes with a vote of 13 – 0. Is there a volunteer to carry this bill onto the floor?

Rep. Froseth: I will.

FISCAL NOTE

Requested by Legislative Council
12/26/2006

Bill/Resolution No.: HB 1028

1A. State fiscal effect: *Identify the state fiscal effect and the fiscal effect on agency appropriations compared to funding levels and appropriations anticipated under current law.*

	2005-2007 Biennium		2007-2009 Biennium		2009-2011 Biennium	
	General Fund	Other Funds	General Fund	Other Funds	General Fund	Other Funds
Revenues						
Expenditures			\$27,741		\$27,741	
Appropriations						

1B. County, city, and school district fiscal effect: *Identify the fiscal effect on the appropriate political subdivision.*

2005-2007 Biennium			2007-2009 Biennium			2009-2011 Biennium		
Counties	Cities	School Districts	Counties	Cities	School Districts	Counties	Cities	School Districts

2A. Bill and fiscal impact summary: *Provide a brief summary of the measure, including description of the provisions having fiscal impact (limited to 300 characters).*

Requires the Legislative Council to create a 12-member energy development and transmission interim committee.

B. Fiscal impact sections: *Identify and provide a brief description of the sections of the measure which have fiscal impact. Include any assumptions and comments relevant to the analysis.*

Requires the Legislative Council to create a 12-member energy development and transmission interim committee.

3. State fiscal effect detail: *For information shown under state fiscal effect in 1A, please:*

A. Revenues: *Explain the revenue amounts. Provide detail, when appropriate, for each revenue type and fund affected and any amounts included in the executive budget.*

B. Expenditures: *Explain the expenditure amounts. Provide detail, when appropriate, for each agency, line item, and fund affected and the number of FTE positions affected.*

The expenditure amounts reflect the estimated travel and per diem costs associated with the energy development and transmission committee.

C. Appropriations: *Explain the appropriation amounts. Provide detail, when appropriate, for each agency and fund affected. Explain the relationship between the amounts shown for expenditures and appropriations. Indicate whether the appropriation is also included in the executive budget or relates to a continuing appropriation.*

The 2007-09 budget request for the Legislative Council includes adequate funding to provide for the costs of this committee for the 2007-09 biennium.

Name:	Jim W. Smith	Agency:	Legislative Council
Phone Number:	328-2916	Date Prepared:	01/02/2007

Date: 1/5/07
Roll Call Vote #: 1

2007 HOUSE STANDING COMMITTEE ROLL CALL VOTES
BILL/RESOLUTION NO. "Click here to type Bill/Resolution No."

House Government and Veterans Affairs Committee

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Legislative Council Amendment Number HB 1028

Action Taken Do Pass

Motion Made By Rep. Kasper Seconded By Rep. Meier

Representatives	Yes	No	Representatives	Yes	No
Rep. C.B Haas Chairman	X		Rep. Bill Amerman	X	
Rep. Bette Grande V.P	X		Rep. Louise Potter	X	
Rep. Randy Boehning	X		Rep. Jasper Schneider	X	
Rep. Stacey Dahl	X		Rep. Lisa Wolf	X	
Rep. Glen Froseth	X				
Rep. Karen Karls	X				
Rep. Jim Kasper	X				
Rep. Lisa Meier	X				
Rep. Dave Weiler	X				

Total (Yes) 13 No 0

Absent 0

Floor Assignment Rep Froseth

If the vote is on an amendment, briefly indicate intent:

REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE (410)
January 12, 2007 4:32 p.m.

Module No: HR-04-0546
Carrier: Froseth
Insert LC: . Title: .

REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE

HB 1028: Government and Veterans Affairs Committee (Rep. Haas, Chairman)
recommends **DO PASS** (13 YEAS, 0 NAYS, 0 ABSENT AND NOT VOTING).
HB 1028 was placed on the Eleventh order on the calendar.

2007 SENATE INDUSTRY, BUSINESS AND LABOR

HB 1028

2007 SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE MINUTES

Bill/Resolution No. **HB 1028**

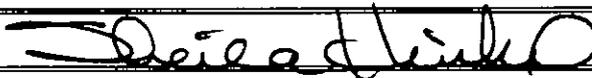
Senate Industry, Business and Labor Committee

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Hearing Date: **February 22, 2007**

Recorder Job Number: **3599**

Committee Clerk Signature



Energy development & transmission committee

Tim Dawson - Staff Committee for Legislative Council - In Favor

Explained the bill to study all energy not just electricity as well as development and transmission.

S Wanzek: This is not a "shall consider?" This is a done deal?

Tim D: This is mandatory from an interim committee.

S Heitkamp: This started with the triple R – C and then it went to the energy competition committee and hasn't this been heard twice already?

Tim D: I think way back there were studies on the industry committee that studied it and then it switched it's name to the electric industry competition committee and has always been that way as 3 RC committee which dealt with telephone. This bill deals with restructuring..

S Heitkamp: This was the piece on the territorial integrity a while back?

Tim D: Correct.

S? O? CLOSE

S Heitkamp: I see the breakdown is 2 to 1 on the minority party. Move a DO PASS.

S Behm: Second

S Hacker: I will vote, but I haven't heard anything to come out of this.

S Heitkamp: If nothing else came out of the last committee, the fact that we don't have the hallways plump full of people, something good must have come out of it. I think as we're adding wind energy and some of the other things on line, it's good to have some legislators in the room talking about how we can compete and maybe informing them so that people from both sides of the aisle can advocate for ND when it comes to some of that stuff.

S Wanzek: As we discussed this earlier, I was curious as to "What have we accomplished?"

S Klein: I was looking for someone else to come up here that would have more information.

S Wanzek: Times are changing in energy. It doesn't hurt to discuss issues as they come up.

Roll Call vote for a DO PASS on HB 1028 -0 6-0-1 Passed

Carrier: S Behm

Date: 2-21-07

Roll Call Vote: 1

2007 SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE ROLL CALL VOTES

BILL/RESOLUTION NO. HB 1028

Senate INDUSTRY BUSINESS & LABOR Committee

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Legislative Council Amendment Number _____

Action Taken DO PASS

Motion Made By Heitkamp Seconded By Behm

Senators	Yes	No	Senators	Yes	No
Chairman Klein, Jerry	✓		Senator Behm, Arthur	✓	
Senator Hacker, Nick VC	✓		Senator Heitkamp, Joel	✓	
Senator Andrist, John	NP		Senator Potter, Tracy	✓	
Senator Wanzek, Terry	✓				

Total Yes 6 No 0

Absent 1

Floor Assignment Behm

If the vote is on an amendment, briefly indicate intent:

REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE

HB 1028: Industry, Business and Labor Committee (Sen. Klein, Chairman) recommends DO PASS (6 YEAS, 0 NAYS, 1 ABSENT AND NOT VOTING). HB 1028 was placed on the Fourteenth order on the calendar.