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2007 HOUSE APPROPRIATIONS

HB 1425

## 2007 HOUSE STANDING COMMITTEE MINUTES

Bill/Resolution No. HB 1425

House Appropriations Committee  
Human Resources Division

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Hearing Date: January 30, 2007 Time: 8:30 am

Recorder Job Number: 2224 (No Sound)

Committee Clerk Signature

*Donna Kramer*

Minutes:

**Rep. Chet Pollert, Chairman** opened the hearing on **HB 1425, a bill for an act to amend and reenact section 37-15-14 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to the Veterans' Home operating fund expenditures.** Representatives **Larry Bellew, Vice**

**Chairman, Ralph Metcalf, Mary Ekstrom, Jon Nelson, Gary Kreidt, and Alon Wieland.**  
**Absent: Representative James Kerzman.**

**Representative Metcalf** introduced the bill. He stated that it was a requirement for the Veterans' Home to spend all federal monies before spending any general funds. This is being asked to be removed. It affects mainly OMB and was effective two legislative sessions ago.

**John Jacobson, of the Coordinating Council for the Veterans' Home,** testified in support of the bill.

**Kristin Lunneborg, Financial Manager of the Veterans' Home,** asked for support of the bill.

**Chairman Pollert:** Suggested spending cap on Federal monies.

**Kristin Lunneborg:** No problem with this.

Continued discussion on procedure and which money was spent. The OMB look at balances on a quarterly basis and make necessary changes. OMB is in support of the bill. It was stated the Veterans' Home could only spend what is appropriated.

**Chairman Pollert** stated the committee would like to go over the budget again. The hearing was closed at this time.

## 2007 HOUSE STANDING COMMITTEE MINUTES

Bill/Resolution No. HB 1425

House Appropriations Committee  
Human Resources Division

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Hearing Date: January 30, 2007 Time: 10:30 am

Recorder Job Number: 2270

Committee Clerk Signature



Minutes:

**Rep. Chet Pollert, Chairman** reopened the hearing on **HB 1425, a bill for an act to amend and reenact section 37-15-14 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to the Veterans' Home operating fund expenditures. Representatives Larry Bellew, Vice Chairman, Ralph Metcalf, Mary Ekstrom, Jon Nelson, Gary Kreidt, and Alon Wieland.**  
**Absent: Representative James Kerzman.**

**Representative Metcalf:** Made a motion for a "do pass" on the bill.

**Representative Kreidt:** Seconded the motion.

Discussion followed.

**Representative Nelson:** This testimony and this report to be among the best that he has heard, think the they (Veterans' Home) deserve the same accommodations that were given any other state agency. Definitely supports this bill.

**Representative Kreidt:** Would be eliminating a very complicated accounting system.

**Roll Call on a "Do Pass". 7 yes, 0 no, and 1 absent.**

**Carrier: Representative Metcalf**

**Meeting adjourned.**

## 2007 HOUSE STANDING COMMITTEE MINUTES

Bill/Resolution No. 1425

House Appropriations Committee

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Hearing Date: 2/5/07

Recorder Job Number: 2788

Committee Clerk Signature

*Kanya Voegeli*

Minutes:

Chairman Svedjan opened the hearing on House Bill 1425.

Rep. Pollert reviewed the bill in Rep. Metcalf's absence.

**Rep. Pollert:** What House Bill 1425 does is the Veterans Home is the only agency that has to expend its federal and special dollars before General Funds. What this bill does is this takes that away and switches them back to the way all of the other agencies are done. The reason why we did this is that we went through the Veterans Home budget. That budget had a decrease in General Funds; it had a decrease in FTEs. They were doing a lot of things that we thought showed that they are doing their job. There were problems with the Veterans Home. They had some administrator problems, things were not working right and they went through two or three of them. It was kind of a vote of confidence for the committee and we thought we would bring it forward.

**Rep. Nelson:** I think the real recipients of passing this bill is OMB because they are the ones who have to code it correctly. There is no need to do that any more.

**Rep. Klein:** In passed sessions we have had many problems down there. I think we have straightened them out. I think it is time we let them get back in business.

**A motion was made by Rep. Pollert, seconded by Rep. Weiland to DO PASS House Bill 1425. The committee vote was 20 Yeas, 0 Nays, 4 Absent and Not Voting. The bill will be carried by Rep. Metcalf.**

# FISCAL NOTE

Requested by Legislative Council

01/17/2007

Bill/Resolution No.: HB 1425

**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						
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).*

Removes requirement to spend other funds prior to spending general fund appropriation.

**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.*

**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.*

There would be no fiscal effect to this change. The agency would continue to be united to spending within their appropriation authority.

**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.*

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Date: 2/5/07  
 Roll Call Vote #: 0

**2007 HOUSE STANDING COMMITTEE ROLL CALL VOTES**  
**BILL/RESOLUTION NO. 1425**

House Appropriations Full Committee

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Legislative Council Amendment Number \_\_\_\_\_

Action Taken No Pass

Motion Made By Pollert Seconded By Wieland

Representatives	Yes	No	Representatives	Yes	No
Chairman Svedjan	✓				
Vice Chairman Kempenich	✓				
Representative Wald	✓		Representative Aarsvold	✓	
Representative Monson	✓		Representative Gulleson		
Representative Hawken	✓				
Representative Klein	✓				
Representative Martinson	✓				
Representative Carlson	✓		Representative Glassheim	✓	
Representative Carlisle	✓		Representative Kroeber	✓	
Representative Skarphol	✓		Representative Williams	✓	
Representative Thoreson					
Representative Pollert	✓		Representative Ekstrom	✓	
Representative Bellew	✓		Representative Kerzman		
Representative Kreidt	✓		Representative Metcalf		
Representative Nelson	✓				
Representative Wieland	✓				

Total (Yes) 20 No 0

Absent 4

Floor Assignment Metcalf

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

**REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE (410)**  
February 5, 2007 3:42 p.m.

**Module No: HR-24-2194**  
**Carrier: Metcalf**  
**Insert LC: . Title: .**

**REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE**

**HB 1425: Appropriations Committee (Rep. Svedjan, Chairman) recommends DO PASS**  
(20 YEAS, 0 NAYS, 4 ABSENT AND NOT VOTING). HB 1425 was placed on the  
Eleventh order on the calendar.

2007 SENATE APPROPRIATIONS

HB 1425

## 2007 SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE MINUTES

Bill/Resolution No. 1425

Senate Appropriations Committee

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Hearing Date: 03-08-07

Recorder Job Number: 4656

Committee Clerk Signature

*Janet Pinks*

Minutes:

Chairman Holmberg opened the hearing on HB 1425.

Senator Larry Robinson, District 24, Valley City, testified in support of HB 1425 on behalf of Representative Ralph Metcalf, District 24, Valley City. Senator Robinson stated there was language placed in law that meant the Veteran's home had to deplete all other funds before touching the general funds, circumstances change. He then indicated the purpose of this bill is to change wording in prior legislation and ease the administrative bookkeeping burden of the VA home. The bill received strong support on the House side and I strongly support this bill. Chairman Holmberg asked of Lori at OMB about the fiscal note. Lori indicated this allows the VA to spend appropriations like all other departments.

Kristin, Lunneborg, Accounting Manager, ND Veteran's Home, presented written testimony and testified in support of HB 1425 indicating that by removing prior wording they would then be treated like all other agencies. Currently they are the only agency that has this stipulation, secondly the ND Veterans Board has worked very hard to hire competent staff to manage the facility and are constantly looking at ways to save the facility and North Dakota money by renegotiating contracts and doing competitive bidding for all other services and supplies.

Senator Bowman asked why this wording was on the legislation in the first place. The response was that in the past the Veteran's Home carried large balances and they don't see the need for going to the state to get additional general funds.

Senator Robinson moved a do pass, Senator Krauter seconded. A roll call vote was taken resulting in 13 yes, 0 no, 1 absent. The motion passed and Senator Robinson will carry the bill.

Chairman Holmberg closed the hearing on HB 1425.

Date: 3/8/07  
Roll Call Vote #: 1

2007 SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE ROLL CALL VOTES  
BILL/RESOLUTION NO. 1425

Senate Appropriations Committee

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Legislative Council Amendment Number \_\_\_\_\_

Action Taken DP

Motion Made By Robinson Seconded By Krauter

Senators	Yes	No	Senators	Yes	No
Chairman Ray Holmberg	✓		Senator Aaron Krauter	✓	
Vice Chairman Bill Bowman	✓		Senator Elroy N. Lindaas	✓	
Vice Chairman Tony Grindberg	✓		Senator Tim Mathern	✓	
Senator Randel Christmann	✓		Senator Larry J. Robinson	✓	
Senator Tom Fischer	✓		Senator Tom Seymour	✓	
Senator Ralph L. Kilzer	✓		Senator Harvey Tallackson	✓	
Senator Karen K. Krebsbach	✓				
Senator Rich Wardner	✓				

Total (Yes) 13 No —

Absent 1

Floor Assignment Robinson

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

**REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE (410)**  
March 8, 2007 2:45 p.m.

**Module No: SR-44-4783**  
**Carrier: Robinson**  
**Insert LC: . Title: .**

**REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE**

**HB 1425: Appropriations Committee (Sen. Holmberg, Chairman) recommends DO PASS**  
(13 YEAS, 0 NAYS, 1 ABSENT AND NOT VOTING). HB 1425 was placed on the  
Fourteenth order on the calendar.

2007 TESTIMONY

HB 1425

SENATE APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE HEARING  
THURSDAY, MARCH 8, 2007  
HOUSE BILL NO. 1425

Chairman Holmberg and members of the Senate Appropriations committee, I am Kristin Lunneborg, Accounting Manager at the North Dakota Veterans Home. I am here today to testify on House Bill No. 1425, which relates to the Veterans Home's operating funds.

Currently, the North Dakota Century Code states that the Veterans Home can only expend general funds after it has expended all federal and special fund revenue. It also states that we must have approval from the Office of Management and Budget to expend any general funds.

It is my understanding that this clause was added to the Century Code within the last few years due to the lack of faith in the management at the Home. I am here today to ask you to please consider removing this clause for several reasons.

First, it is my understanding that we are the only agency in the State of North Dakota that has this stipulation. Secondly, I assure you that the North Dakota Veterans Home governing board has worked hard to hire competent staff to manage the facility and that we are constantly looking at ways to save the facility and the State of North Dakota money by renegotiating contracts, buying off the State's term contracts and doing competitive bidding for all other services and supplies. This stipulation also puts an extra burden upon the Office of Management and Budget. Due to the timing of our special and federal fund revenue, we often have to spend general funds on a monthly basis. It is very difficult to monitor when we need to spend general funds and in order to not have to contact OMB all the time, an agreement was made with OMB for us to code all our expenditures to special funds and they in turn would look at our fund balances and do the necessary journal entries to transfer money between funds. By removing this clause, OMB will not have the burden of monitoring these fund balances.

I ask that you please treat us the same as all other agencies in the State of North Dakota and remove this clause from the Century Code.