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# 2007 HOUSE STANDING COMMITTEE MINUTES

Bill/Resolution No. **SCR 4010**

## House Education Committee

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Hearing Date: **6 February 2007**

Recorder Job Number: **2923**

Committee Clerk Signature



Minutes:

**Senator Carolyn Nelson, District 21, introduced the bill. (Testimony Attached.)**

**Representative Haas: I move Do Pass and Place on the Consent Calendar.**

**Representative Mueller: I second.**

**Chairman Kelsch:** I see we have one more person that would like to testify. Please come forward Nancy.

**Nancy Sands, former student of Jim Ployhar, testified in favor of the bill. I was his student and I played his music. It was great. I urge your support.**

**A role call vote was taken: Yes: 12, No: 0, Absent: 1 (Solberg)**

**Representative Sukat will carry the bill.**

Date: 6 Feb 07  
 Roll Call Vote #: 1

2007 HOUSE STANDING COMMITTEE ROLL CALL VOTES

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

Action Taken Do Pass + Place on Consent

Motion Made By Haas Seconded By Mueller

Representatives	Yes	No	Representatives	Yes	No
Chairman Kelsch	✓		Rep Hanson	✓	
V Chairman Meier	✓		Rep Hunskor	✓	
Rep Haas	✓		Rep Mueller	✓	
Rep Herbel	✓		Rep Myxter	✓	
Rep Johnson	✓		Rep Solberg	0	
Rep Karls	✓				
Rep Sukut	✓				
Rep Wall	✓				

Total Yes 12 No 0

Absent 1 (Solberg)

Floor Assignment Sukat

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

**REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE**

**SCR 4010: Education Committee (Rep. R. Kelsch, Chairman) recommends DO PASS and BE PLACED ON THE CONSENT CALENDAR (12 YEAS, 0 NAYS, 1 ABSENT AND NOT VOTING). SCR 4010 was placed on the Tenth order on the calendar.**

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## SCR 4010

Jim Ployhar was a true musician – writer, composer, arranger, singer, piano player, band director, comedian and historian.

If you ever played in a junior high band, you played band music composed or arranged by James D Ployhar. If you lived in Lakota, Valley City or Fargo, perhaps you played in one of his bands. Mr. Ployhar was a regular at the International Music Camp and kids loved to play his music and in his bands. Over his lifetime, it is estimated that he wrote over 800 compositions.

Jim founded and for many years directed the Fargo Theater Big Band All-Stars. He arranged music from earlier years that was no longer in print and wrote scripts to keep the show flowing. He was also the original director of the Fargo Theater Singers.

His band and singers performed annually at events such as Silent Movie Night at the Fargo Theater, Valley City High School class reunions, Fargo Elks, NDSU alumni 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary, Dollars for Scholars events, charity events, etc.

In 1975 the Legislative Assembly passed HB No 1160, which designated James D Ployhar's Spirit of the Land as the official state march (1975 SL ch. 462). Mr. Ployhar had been commissioned by the North Dakota Band Directors Association to compose a march appropriate for official state functions. Spirit of the Land was played in the Capitol's Great Hall by the Jamestown High School Band on the day the bill passed the House of Representatives in February 1975. Once designated as the state march, Spirit of the Land was sent to a publisher. The title happened to be nearly identical to another march. As a result, the publisher requested that a new title be selected. Mr. Ployhar agreed to "The Flickertail", a concert march. In 1989 the Legislative Assembly finally officially approved the change. In 1989 he also wrote the Centennial Overture in honor of our state's celebration.

Since this resolution was written I have found out that Mr. Ployhar was awarded the Governor's Award for the Arts in 1995. Last November, VCSU honored Jim as the first enrollee in the VCSU Music Hall of Fame. Although seriously ill, he made the trip to Valley City for the event.

Jim died on January 2. He is survived by wife Ruth, 5 children, 11 grandchildren and 1 great grandson. Jim's funeral was January 6. It was truly a celebration with a 9<sup>th</sup> grade band playing his music, "The Lord's Prayer" sung by a grandson, and a mini-big band to lead him out to lead the eternal big band. As stated in the media, "It was a grand celebration of Jim Ployhar's musical life".