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HB 1251

2013 HOUSE STANDING COMMITTEE MINUTES

House Industry, Business and Labor Committee

Peace Garden Room, State Capitol

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Explanation or reason for introduction of bill/resolution:		
Repairman's liens		
Minutes:	Attachments 1-10	

Hearing opened.

- 2:05 Matthew Larsgaard on behalf of the Automobile Dealers Association of North Dakota and the North Dakota Implement Dealers Association: Refer to written testimony 1. Drew attention to attachment 2. Explained attachment 2.
- 10:50 **Representative Louser:** You had mentioned that it gives the testimony that it gives the repairman an opportunity to place a lien and to retain the equipment until payment is made. In the rare instance that I had a combine repaired and the repairman gave it back to me after the repair but I don't pay, would that negate their ability to place a lien?

Matthew Larsgaard: No. Upon relinquishing agricultural equipment, the dealer or repairman has 120 days to perfect their lien. When we look at the general thresholds, as in the case of an automobile or boat, the repairman has 90 days to perfect their lien. If they do not perfect or file that lien with the county recorder within that time period, the repairman is deemed to have waived their right to the lien.

12:00 **Representative Kreun:** In these particular situations, is there any counseling that goes on in regard to the business decision?

Matthew Larsgaard: In many of these cases, we are looking at older equipment. A farmer would rather put money into a machine he knows.

Support:

13:35 Mike Weisenberger, manager of Titan Machinery and member of North Dakota Implement Dealers Association: As farmers prosper, implement dealers also prosper. The selling of equipment leads to support and repair of that equipment. For each new piece of equipment we retail, a cycle begins in which we may sell additional pieces which are descendants of the retail sale. Repairs of new equipment are sometimes covered by a

manufacturer's warranty. Typically costs of repair of used equipment are paid by the owner. Usage of that older equipment varies. Often it is the older equipment that spends more time in our shops. Our shops rely on the repair revenues, so supporting the older equipment is very important to us. Before I left the shop yesterday, I pulled a list of equipment scheduled to be part of our winter inspection and repair program. Of the first thirty pieces of equipment on my list, eighteen were over ten years old. Three of the combines were each 26 years old. The owners of these units are investing good money because they intend to run these units for a number of years. The older equipment is of less value than new units; the cost of repair is generally greater. Gave examples of cost of typical costs of repairs and value of older units. Our labor rates and the prices of replacement parts are blind to the age of a unit. Expenses include recruiting, educating, and training staff, and filling our shelves with replacement parts. A repairman's lien is one of the few avenues we have to help recover those unpaid repair costs. The current law regarding repairman's liens is an effective tool but is grossly unmatched to the value of today's equipment and the cost to repair it. We do not need a new law, just to adjust the one which has been in place for over three decades.

17:32 **Representative Kreun:** On a piece of equipment 26 years old, is there still a loan on it?

Mike Weisenberger: There certainly could be, depending on when he bought it.

Representative Kreun: You have a used piece of equipment, but the value should be relatively low as well.

Mike Weisenberger: The biggest part of that is a blanket lien. Most times, our producers have a blanket lien by the lenders on basically everything they own.

Representative Kreun: The concept of blanket lien helps me understand a little better. Gave an example of the economics of purchasing and repairing used equipment.

18:33 **Representative Ruby:** Under the repairman's lien, you are limited right now in a situation when a bank has a potential lien as well. If there is no loan on a piece of equipment, do you have any limits on that, or is it up to the full amount of the bill, or is that considered the blanket lien?

Mike Weisenberger: If there is no loan or lien now, we would not be trying to take precedence over anyone. We would be putting that lien in place for the day that piece is liquidated or when the owner goes to sell it.

Representative Ruby: Would that be for the full amount of your bill when there is no loan?

Mike Weisenberger: We'd hope for that. Right now, we'd have the smaller limits in place.

19:59 **Representative Frantsvog:** When you get a piece of farm equipment in, you give an estimate of what the repair costs will be. At that time, do you discuss payment also?

Mike Weisenberger: Most of our customers are familiar to us. We do have credit policies in place. There are cases in which we are surprised that they are not paying their bills. Sometimes it's someone we've done business with for decades. When the repair is finished, the cost is not a surprise to them because hopefully we've communicated with them as we've made each repair. Gave an example. The repaired machine is tucked away in their shed before they're expected to make a payment.

Chairman Keiser: If there is no loan on the piece of equipment, someone brings it in for a repair, and you do the repair, you can place a lien for the full amount regardless of how much it is, is that correct?

Mike Weisenberger: That is correct.

Chairman Keiser: This bill addresses the situation where some financial institution has a loan on a piece of equipment. And now you do the repair. We want to try to figure out how all sides can be accommodated. Take the scenario of a \$40,000 piece of equipment, \$20,000 repair costs, and with this bill you can put a lien on 50%. So the lien would be \$20,000. If the amount remaining on the loan were \$10,000, that would be no problem. The bank would be able to come out whole if they have to repossess and sell the equipment. The problem occurs when the financial institution requested 30% down, so someone put down \$12,000 and the loan is for \$28,000. You repair it, and you want \$20,000. That leaves the bank with \$8,000, so the bank loses in that scenario. That's the dilleam we have here with the way the bill is written. Is it fair that the bank takes a hit when the amount of the exposure they have in the item, when you will be taking away their exposure? Should we try to find a way to amend this so that you can go up to 50% but you cannot reduce the exposure of the bank in the first position? With this legislation, we are potentially making you a winner at the expense of the financial institution.

25:17 **Mike Weisenberger:** I do not envy the decision the committee will have to make. As an implement dealer, I do not have any reason to try to short the banks of North Dakota. Without our banker friends, our customers do not do much business with us. The part of the bill I am supporting is trying to get the numbers more in line with current times and to include construction equipment.

Chairman Keiser: I think it's great to move you guys up, but we have to figure out some kind of compromise.

26:33 **Representative M. Nelson:** Can't you, with notice by registered or certified mail, currently take a priority position on the whole repair bill? Aren't we just changing how much you're covered for without going through that procedure?

Mike Weisenberger: My understanding is that our protection is just within the laws of the repair bill, but I might be wrong. I also don't know the difference in what protection we have while we retain possession of the equipment and after it goes back to the farm.

Chairman Keiser: My gut tells me that the financial institutions are going to file the first priority lien, and that will put them in the first position. But this law would allow changes in that first position.

- 27:54 **Representative Ruby:** Let's go back to Chairman Keiser's scenario of the \$40,000 piece of equipment. If the bank gave you a loan on it but they required \$12,000 down, that is \$28,000 of exposure if no payments have been made on it. Then let's say it needed to be repaired at a cost of \$20,000. If the bank took the item back, the value should still be at \$40,000 because it has been repaired. So the bank then, after the repair was paid at \$20,000, the bank would receive the \$20,000, plus the \$12,000 they received as a down payment, so we're at 32,000, minus their fees and loan costs. Their remaining exposure is slightly over \$8,000. So they are still taking a hit. They would have taken a hit had the engine gone out and the equipment had not been repaired. Then they would have lost \$20,000.
- 29:13 **Representative Louser:** If there was a potential \$20,000 repair on a piece of equipment, do you make attempts to find out what the outstanding debt owed against that item is? Do you contact the lender and find out what's owed before you do the repair?
- 29:40 **Mike Weisenberger:** No. Often times, the repair happens on a Friday night or Saturday morning. We are dealing with these guys' livelihoods. Maybe it's too much of a relationship business and we should be smarter in how we do things. Our repair staff expects that if they make a repair, someone on the front side will be collecting for it. We are not doing our homework as we should be, but often times it's because of the timing of the repair. It would not make good business sense to cause a delay for the farmer.
- 31:30 Jay Pickerel, general manager of Jamestown Implement: I'd like to add clarity to the discussion topics of today, particularly the scenario Matthew put forth of the \$40,000 tractor. If that consumer had spent \$40,000 cash to buy that tractor and was engaged in a blanket lien position with a bank, it is my understanding that we are exposed within the values you already denoted today. In that case, the bank is not exposed with a loss but is using that tractor as a blanket lien position against other exposures they may have. The other aspect I'd like you to consider is related to the value of the piece. As noted earlier, if you had a \$40,000 tractor and there was a \$20,000 repair, one would perceive the value of the unrepaired tractor to be \$20,000. In reality, that value is even less because the potential buyer would want to pay less due to concerns with the condition of the piece, beyond even possibly the loss of the motor as presented to you. In those confines, we would sometimes consider that to be salvation value if sold in the open market. That value, in our experience, would be less than the \$20,000. In doing this repair, the dealership is adding value and even the security position by restoring the equipment to its original value. Even from a protection standpoint, the dealership is adding security and strength to the positions of both the bank and consumer in the position of conducting those repairs. relationship to business counseling, we do understand the financial implications. In reality, we often work with the consumer to identify discrepancies in valuation and talk with the consumer about looking at moving to something with better value. In many cases, the consumer will not want to make that move. As we look at the current priority levels, it is the position of our dealership that there is a high level of concern with the repairman lien conditions as they exist. As already noted in testimony, the value of these repairs continues to escalate. Provided reasons. It is our position that these priority thresholds are not sufficient, especially with consideration of additional costs, such as sublet costs. Provided examples.

37:14 Dan Wilson, Corwin Automotive Group and Automobile Dealers Association of North Dakota: Refer to written testimony, attachment 3, and supporting documents, attachment 4.

41:46 **Chairman Keiser:** On the examples you gave us, you don't know if there were outstanding loans or what the amount of those loans might have been?

Dan Wilson: I do not know.

42:10 Marc Taylor, North Dakota Agricultural Association: Refer to written testimony, attachment 5. Shared on behalf of Gary Knutson, executive director of NDAA.

Chairman Keiser: This law only applies if a financial institution has a loan on it. If you make a repair and it's over the limits, you can file a lien for the full amount of the repair if there is not a loan for the equipment?

Marc Taylor: That is my understanding.

44:10 Marc Taylor, owner of North Plains Equipment, and past president of the North Dakota Implement Dealers Association: Elaborated on written testimony, attachment 6. Gave an example of recent repair and its costs. Concurred about difficulty of timing regarding Friday or weekend repairs. Perfecting a lien is difficult for a variety of reasons; gave examples of difficulty researching under names personal names and names of corporations. We were asked about providing counseling, but many times the producer has a better idea of the equipment's value than we do. It often comes down to an emotional attachment even when doing so does not make sense. We do tell them when they may be getting into an area when the repairs may not be worth it. At that point, does the owner walk away from the investment they already have in that equipment? The bank will come after them for that. Generally we work with customers with whom we are familiar and about whom we have no concerns about their ability to pay. The other thing we're starting to see are cross-industry repairs, such as construction equipment.

48:43 Renard Bergstrom, car dealer in Devils Lake and Automobile Dealers Association of North Dakota: One thing we've not discussed is when someone owns a car which is no longer of great value. Although our economy is good, there are still a number of people in a lower income bracket who drive their cars until they cannot drive them any longer. Some live in outlying communities to have a lower cost of living, and they put a lot of miles on their cars. When a customer cannot drive to work, the customer won't be able to pay for the car or the repair. If an owner cannot afford to have a car repaired, the lender's position on that car is in jeopardy because the owner will not be able to drive to work and will not be able to pay for the car. When we look at the cost of the repair relative to the cost of the car, you can have a car worth \$6000 but needing a \$2000 repair. The bottom line is that if we can have a secured position and repair the car, the customer can get back on the road and back to work.

50:34 Tom Balzer, North Dakota Motor Carriers Association: Supports bill.

Opposition:

Marilyn Foss, general counsel for the North Dakota Bankers Association: Refer to written testimony, attachment 7. Elaborated on written testimony to suggest that costs of repairs be financed in advance. While we have some large financial institutions in the state, we also have very small institutions. This is about balancing risks and one industry attempting to shift the risks attendant to their business to us. If that is successful, lenders will have to reevaluate their risks of lending so that the farmer can produce the crops from the outside. There is nothing to keep a repairmen from retaining the property they have repaired until the repair has been paid for or until arrangement have been made. There is nothing in the law to keep the repairman from taking a lien for the full amount of the repair. What this is about is saying that their lien takes priority over other liens against the equipment.

55:13 **Representative Ruby:** What if the dealership retains that equipment and the customer stops repaying the loan?

Marilyn Foss: I suspect then that the repairman, the dealer, and the bank or lender will get together and decide how to resolve the situation.

Representative Ruby: The way it works, you could take possession and put it up for sale. They could be completely out except for the limit that is currently in law.

55:51 **Marilyn Foss:** That is correct. But the bank can address that situation on its own. This is loading it under the law in favor of the repairman as opposed to leaving these people to address problems as they arise.

56:10 **Representative Ruby:** Would you think there is a potential justification for at least looking at raising the levels from where they currently are in law? Apparently you don't like the level now. What would be the right level?

56:25 **Marilyn Foss:** I think that if we keep the concept of the original statute in mind and look at the numbers there, the numbers were realistic and paired with the understanding that beyond that, the parties would make financial arrangements. If there is any adjustment to be made in this, that would be the concept I'd keep in mind. I think \$5000 is too high because not many dealers would be surprised that a client cannot simply write a check for a repair of that amount at once. The idea is that if you are unduly surprised by the nonpayment, maybe there is a reason for a limited lien, but the amount should be set at more modest levels than what are proposed.

58:00 **Representative Sukut:** If the bank has a lien on a piece of equipment, where do you end up if it is not repaired? Is it not in the best interest of the lien holder to have the equipment repaired?

Marilyn Foss: I think that it's a case-by-case situation. In the scenario of the \$40,000 tractor that had \$37,000 worth of repairs, I don't know that I would consider that to be in the best interest of the lender for that repair to have been made. The proposal I am suggesting lets the lender and the dealer work it out between themselves. If the repairman is not

assured of a priority lien for a \$40,000 repair and has to talk to the lender, the lender may very well agree to subordinate their lien to the extent of the repairs. These are not small business transactions anymore and should be treated as large business transactions where people who have completing interests deal face to face about how to deal with them.

59:53 **Representative Sukut:** Are you saying that it should be the service repairman's responsibility to search out and see if there is an existing lien through a bank and then start conversations at that point in time?

Marilyn Foss: If the service repairman is contemplating a repair of a substantial amount of money, it is not unreasonable for them to be looking and searching liens, just as banks making loans of \$25,000 search the liens. We have a very effective system for searching liens in this state. The whole point of the lien filing system was so that people who are contemplating taking on risk in connection with a piece of property that is financed can find out who has claimed a lien against it. I do not think there is any state purpose to be served by exempting the repairmen from following the same systems that others who are making large commitment on credit follow in North Dakota. The situation has changed in that this law was set up to protect the repairman doing repairs out of his garage. The industry now has a lot of sales and a lot of employees. This is big business. Big business as a matter of policy should be able to manage their business responsibly.

1:02:19 Representative Kreun: Did you get a copy of the attachment 1 in support of this bill with the scenario on it? We want to balance this. We understand that the repairmen are having some problems, but we don't want to put the burden on the banking industry, either. So let's see if we can get to something that takes a look at fairness. Maybe if we could get someone to run the numbers on this scenario with how they envision the new law versus the old law, we can see where we are and maybe start at that point.

Marilyn Foss: I will work with Matthew and do that, and we will get back to the committee.

1:03:25 **Chairman Keiser:** Have we ever changed anything in terms of usury rates, loan limits, anything for the financial institutions since 1979?

Marilyn Foss: I think there have been changes to the laws governing banks and credit unions since 1979.

Chairman Keiser: Have those generally been allowed increases, or did we reduce what you could do?

Marilyn Foss: I think what has generally been allows is greater flexibility.

1:04:15 **Greg Tschider, Credit Union Association of the Dakotas:** Distributed written testimony, Attachment 8. There has been concerned raised that these poor dealers have to check the public record to find out whether there are lien holders. They do that every day. An equipment or auto dealer sells equipment and takes trade ins, and they check to see if there is a lien on anything. It is relatively simple to check the Secretary of State's records, and all of these businesses have access to that. Representative M. Nelson had queried as to what the dealer or repairman has to do. If you look at the bill, page 1 line 18,

it specifies what they have to do in order to have priority. The reason for that is that it gives the lien holder an opportunity to have input. We have had a lot of discussion about the fact that repairs increase value, and I agree. But should the lien holder be at the mercy of the consumer and the repairman as to what kind of work is going to be done. All we're asking is to continue the old law which says to give us notice so that we can have discussion. The repair people do not have to do the work. When I talk my vehicle in. I don't get those keys until I pay that bill. There are methods where the repairmen are protecting themselves presently. The repairmen can guarantee that they will have priority if they follow a couple of steps. The question is should we be raising the numbers because life is more expensive than it was twenty years ago. That's why the 25% factor is important. Normally, financial institutions grant equipment loans at 70%. If you jump to 50%, then we have automatically been exposed to a 20% loss. We have 70% in financing. If you give them another 50% under this proposed bill, then we are up to 120% of the value of the equipment. Why should we have to eat that without having input or knowledge that this is going on. I understand the aspect of increased value. Maybe that isn't the best interest. If you pass the bill in its current state, and if you are a financial institution or you are lending money to a friend, and you know they can have 50% of that value in repair costs, how much are you going to lend? You'll lend only 50%. Who does that harm? It harms our young farmers and all consumers who are looking for loans. We have to protect ourselves. Keep the However, the specific numbers should be changed. Presently it's \$1000; the proposal is \$5000. I would recommend to the committee that they consider raising it to \$2500. Where it is presently \$2500 for ag or construction purposes, raise that to \$5000. Prices of equipment have gone up tremendously, and that has helped the repairmen. Given the price of equipment, a repair of up to 25% is a pretty substantial amount of money. Under this bill, they could go up to \$100,000. Then we've lost total control. We have to protect ourselves. This is going to impact lending because if you have that kind of exposure, you have to find a way to remedy that problem.

1:11:44 **Representative Becker:** Would you be satisfied with the bill if the 25% were kept and all the other changes in the bill were made as the bill shows?

Greg Tschider: I would have to discuss that with my legislative committee. When we discussed that issue, we thought a compromise would be somewhere in the middle.

1:12:44 Rick Clayburgh, president and CEO of the North Dakota Bankers Association: We have had discussions with the lending community. We would probably support going in the direction of taking autos from \$1000 to \$2500 and farm equipment from \$2500 to \$5000. At this time, we would not support any other changes to the legislation. We think the 25% is more than adequate. We do not believe that construction equipment or hauling equipment is in the spirit of what the law intended. The reason we do support the increase in the dollar signs is that those support the small repairmen. When you start talking about the level of the big businesses in the state, there are protections in place. We need to make sure there is proper communication. We would be in support of those two changes, increasing those values, but at this point we would not be in support of any other changes.

1:14:10 **Representative Vigesaa:** What if the construction equipment is repaired at a farm implement dealer? Isn't that going to be the same result as adding the construction equipment t the legislation?

Rick Clayburgh: Someone once asked me why they were not included in the original law. Most of the folks I know who are into heavy construction actually have their own mechanics who work on the cranes and big equipment. I don't know how to answer the specifics of that without looking at it first. With that heavy equipment, you are looking at very expensive repairs. Those are large businesses. As Marilyn pointed out, many of our banks are small institutions. We're looking to fairness in the system.

1:15:34 **Representative Vigesaa:** Some auto dealers are very small, family-owned businesses.

1:16:05 David Mason, Independent Community Bankers of North Dakota: Provided written testimony, attachment 9. My written testimony primarily focuses on the dollar limit, more specifically that percentage limit. I would reiterate that it is very vital to the way my bank does business and makes decisions. I would suggest that changes to what those risks are as in the proposed bill would make up reconsider what kind of levels we'd be comfortable with providing to our customers. The existing statute allows that they have a priority lien. Priority liens have importance. But being in a subordinate position is sometimes advantageous when there is a large blanket lien behind the repairman lien. The current statute allows for that exact situation for repairmen and protects repairmen adequately. All I am asking is that I, as a lender, be informed of it so that I can react to it and can work with my customers. The current statute provides a lot of authority with a priority lien. The percentage limit is the vital one. One of the great things about the way the statute is written is that it does not have to be reexamined every session.

1:18:54 **Dana Bohn, North Dakota Farm Credit Council:** We too are opposed to this bill because it creates a potential adverse effect for us. Provided written testimony, attachment 10.

Neutral:

- 1:19:45 Richard Schlosser with North Dakota Farmers Union: A lot of conversation today has been in respect to repairs and sales of farm equipment. Our policy at North Dakota Farmers Union is silent on this issue. I would hope that we could come to some sort of resolution with respect to priority lien and what the bankers hold as a blanket lien or whatever the case may be. We as farmers live in both worlds: long-range operating loan agreements and planning, and emergencies in respect to repairs.
- 1:21:31 **Representative Sukut:** There is a discrepancy in the testimony regarding ease of access to the lien information. The bankers say that access to the lien information is relatively available. Jay testified that it is difficult to get that lien information. Would you care to comment about that difficulty? It appears to me that part of the solution is in the communication between the banks and the repair shops in getting that lien information.

1:22:50 **Jay Pickerel:** To answer the question in regard to the transactional levels... The complexity is within the agricultural side of the business because it is done by the name of the individual's name and/or the entity rather than by VIN or serial numbers as it's done for a car. As we go out to search for that, we would have to search by that specific name to try to identify any potential liens which may exist, whether they are blanket liens or specific liens on the piece of equipment. Gave examples. Understand that the need and speed of the repair can be impacted by the time needed for a lien search.

Hearing closed.

1:24:54 Chairman Keiser: The various parties did have meetings prior to today and did make some adjustments on the original bill that was proposed. The reality is, if there is no loan on a piece of equipment, the dealers can place a lien for any amount. If there is a loan on the equipment, you have to take that into consideration. The current law says that if there is a loan out there, I can get a priority lien with the limitations that exist in law. They're saying that is not adequate and are asking for those values to be increased dramatically. I support moving those dollars and percentages up, with the provision that at no time do they cut into the exposure of the lending institution. Leaving it with the compromised proposal, that does not help the implement dealers very much. If there is a loan on a \$100,000 piece of equipment for \$10,000 and they do a repair for \$50,000, the bank would want them to do that repair and there is really no exposure, but they cannot put a lien on to recover. On the other hand, if the bank had \$40,000 on loan, they should not lose money because a repair is done. The bank is in first position. We need to check when we can if there is a loan, and if it will not have a direct negative impact on the equity of the bank, these people could have the authority to go after more on the lien. We can find a solution to that. The bank should not lose money just because we passed a piece of legislation that gives another party some right to take part of their equity. On the other hand, the bank should not be asking to limit the other guys from recovering just because the bank has a loan on that equipment.

1:28:00 Representative N. Johnson: How does it work with a blanket loan?

Chairman Keiser: That is covering other financial exposure. I don't understand how a blanket loan affects this transaction. If the bank has a loan on the piece of equipment and the repairman repairs it and they think they can come in on first position on this piece of equipment, I don't know if a blanket loan comes first over that or not. We can find out.

1:28:40 **Representative M. Nelson:** 1:28:40 It's a lien versus a priority lien. So if the bank has \$10,000 on a \$100,000 piece of equipment and the mechanic does \$50,000 worth of repairs, he'd have a lien, just not necessarily priority lien. What happens when he has that \$50,000 lien and after that the bank would take a blanket lien on everything, is the bank in second position to his \$50,000? It's who's on first?

Chairman Keiser: First is important. Do you want a subcommittee? Not yet?

Representative Vigesaa will meet with the parties to find a middle ground.

Bill held.

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Repairman's liens			
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Meeting called to order Roll call taken			

Meeting called to order. Roll call taken.

Hearing opened.

Chairman Keiser: We're going to take up HB 1251. Representative Vigesaa has been working with the various interested parties.

Representative Vigesaa: Thank you to those who have been involved throughout the process. As you know, this bill would raise the thresholds or the amounts that lien could be on repairs on farm equipment, auto dealers, things like that. Financial institutions felt that the 50% was too high. Through negotiations, we've lowered that to 30%.

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- Page 1, line 15, change 50% to 30%
- Page 2, line 9, change 50% to 30%
- Page 2, line 10, change 50% to 30%

Motion to adopt amendments presented by Representative Vigesaa; Motion made by Representative Vigesaa and seconded by Representative Ruby. (Amendment 13.0597.01002)

Voice vote on motion to adopt amendment. Motion carried.

Representative M. Nelson: Offered another amendment, attachment 1, to include tire dealers. (Amendment 13.059.01001)

Motion to adopt amendment to add the wording *tire dealer*. Motion made by Representative M. Nelson and seconded by Representative Gruchalla.

Representative Amerman: We've been dealing with machine and farm equipment. When you add tire dealers, is that all tire dealers? Automotive tires and so on?

Representative M. Nelson: A lot of people selling tires would be covered under other areas already included in this bill. The way I read the law, the tire would have to be installed.

Representative Vigesaa: Will resist the motion. If we start adding very specific types of retailers, we could be opening the gates. For example, auto dealers are not included in this bill.

Voice vote on motion to adopt amendment 13.0597.01001. Unable to determine majority.

Roll call vote on motion to adopt amendment 13.0597.01001. Motion failed.

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Motion for a do pass as amended. Motion made by Representative Vigesaa and seconded Representative Kasper.

Roll call vote on motion for a do pass as amended. Motion carried.

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PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO HOUSE BILL NO. 1251

Page 1, line 14, replace "fifty" with "thirty"

Page 1, line 15, replace "fifty" with "thirty"

Page 2, line 9, replace "fifty" with "thirty"

Page 2, line 10, replace "fifty" with "thirty"

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2013 HOUSE STANDING COMMITTEE ROLL CALL VOTES BILL/RESOLUTION NO. 125/

House Industry, Business, and Labor Committee

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REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE

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2013 SENATE INDUSTRY, BUSINESS AND LABOR

HB 1251

2013 SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE MINUTES

Senate Industry, Business and Labor Committee

Roosevelt Park Room, State Capitol

HB 1251 March 25, 2013 Job Number 20402

	Conference Committee		
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Explanation or reason for introduction of bill/resolution:			
Relating to repairman's liens			
Minutes:	Testimony Attached		

Chairman Klein: Opened the hearing.

Representative Keiser: Introduced the bill. This is relating to repairman's liens and is an attempt to update the North Dakota century code in this area. Repairman can take the first position on a lien when they make a significant repair on a piece of equipment. That will give them some protection. There is still some angst amongst some of the party members. This bill adds construction equipment dealer, although that may be an area discussed today. The heart of the bill is on lines thirteen through sixteen. (:30-2:48)

Senator Sinner: Said the real amount on the adjustment is going to be from twenty-five to thirty percent. The twenty-five percent was actually a hedge against the increase amount as these bills got bigger, correct?

Representative Keiser: Said that was true but on the smaller amount for repairs, the dollar amount can be the larger. The real hedge is in the hedge. These pieces of equipment have become extremely expensive. When they repair and replace a major piece on the equipment that increase in the percentage would give them a little more comfort in making the repairs.

Chairman Klein: Asked where they covered construction equipment before or wasn't it covered at all.

Representative Keiser: Said he doesn't know that they ever covered it before.

Discussion (4:15-8:10)

Matthew C. Larsgaard, MBA, North Dakota dealers Association: In support. Written Testimony Attached (1), List of Supporters, Attached (2) and Repair Orders, Attached (3). (9:02-20:24)

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Discussion and Questions

Marc Taylor, President of Northern Plains Equipment Co., Inc.: In support. Written Testimony Attached (4). (28:55-33:39)

Discussion and Questions

Jay Pickrel, General Manager, Jamestown Implement: In support. He described the difficulty in trying to identify the lien holder and he also talked about blanket liens. (46:00-51:12)

Mike Weisenberger, Titan Machinery: In support. Written Testimony Attached (5). (53:22-57:00)

Jessie Peterson, Eide Ford Lincoln, Inc.: In support. Handout Attached (6). (60:00-1:06:30)

Tom Bodine, Director of Public Policy for the North Dakota Farm Bureau: In support of the changes in House Bill 1251 in regards to Ag equipment, they see the importance of lending institutions and repairman. On the timeliness of repairs; when it comes to management in the harvest situation, when something breaks down the timeliness is huge. (1:10-1:12:47)

Arik Spencer, North Dakota Motor Carriers Association: In support.

Neutral

Rick Clayburgh, President and CEO, North Dakota Bankers Association: They don't care for what the bill is doing but they were part of the subcommittee's discussion in the House. He said specific to the history of the bill; the repairman's lien started out kind of the original blacksmith and was intended to protect the small repair shop doing work on machinery and engine's in the state. Specific to the original intent of the language; the twenty-five percent was the inflationary cost that was placed into it. One of the reasons they worked with the committee members is on the low side they support the increase on the amount for the automobiles. It gets more complicated when you start getting into the Ag equipment. He doesn't know of any situations where anyone would be objecting to getting a piece of equipment operating on weekends in the fields. Those repairs would generally fall on that small dollar side threshold. When you get into those large repair amounts they will be occurring in the shop. The individual business still maintains procession of that vehicle. Not getting into the specific details he thinks they clog up and cloud up even the perspective of the farm bureau making sure there members are out in the field. Those more cloud up the issues when we start getting into the very complex, more of the expensive issues that get into the lien issues. He said he wanted to talk specifically about the area that was not part of their agreement on the House side and it deals with construction equipment. Engine repair is currently covered under the current law and it doesn't matter what type of equipment it is in if you have modified, adjusted or fixed the engine it is covered under current law. The reason construction equipment wasn't in the law before was because construction equipment is used by companies that have their own repair

Senate Industry, Business and Labor Committee HB 1251 March 25, 2013 Page 3

folks. We are talking about very extensive, very expensive equipment. There are two lenders in the state that do most of the construction lending and they do lease financing. All we will do by adding this language to the statute as lenders they will have to deal with the risk. They will have to price it accordingly; even the potential risk will be passed on to all customers. At the end of the day we are not talking about the vast majority of customers in the state we are talking about a handful that raise the risk of doing business. There is a cost of doing business and a lost in business. What we are doing is taking the aspect of a handful of folks that don't handle their credit properly and passing it on to others. Construction equipment is still a major issue and they don't think it needs to complicate the North Dakota century code. (1:16-1:20:12)

Discussion (1:20:15-1:25:30)

Opposition

Dana Bohn, North Dakota Farm Credit Council Executive Director: In support. Written Testimony Attached (7). (1:26-1:29:45)

Chairman Klein: Closed the hearing.

2013 SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE MINUTES

Senate Industry, Business and Labor Committee

Roosevelt Park Room, State Capitol

HB 1251 March 27, 2013 Job Number 20527

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Explanation or reason for introduction of bill/resolution:			
Relating to repairman's liens			
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Chairman Klein: Asked for the committee to go to 1251, the lien issue.

Senator Unruh: We had banks and other groups not quite in agreement on how this should work. The amendments change the minimum cost of a repair to qualify for the lien. The current language has five thousand dollars or thirty percent or ten thousand dollars or thirty percent for Ager construction permits. The amendments change that down to four thousand and nine thousand dollars. **Amendment Attached (1)**.

Chairman Klein: Said the folks that were working on this came to that compromise correct?

Senator Unruh: Said that is correct both groups were in agreement.

Senator Unruh: Moved to adopt amendment 13.0597.02001.

Senator Laffen: Seconded the motion.

Roll Call Vote: Yes - 7 No - 0 Absent - 0 Motion Passed

Senator Unruh: Moved a do pass on engrossed HB 1251 as amended.

Senator Murphy: Seconded the motion.

Roll Call Vote: Yes - 7 No - 0 Absent - 0 Motion Passed

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Prepared by the Legislative Council staff for Senator Unruh

March 26, 2013

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PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO ENGROSSED HOUSE BILL NO. 1251

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REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE

HB 1251, as engrossed: Industry, Business and Labor Committee (Sen. Klein, Chairman) recommends AMENDMENTS AS FOLLOWS and when so amended, recommends DO PASS (7 YEAS, 0 NAYS, 0 ABSENT AND NOT VOTING). Engrossed HB 1251 was placed on the Sixth order on the calendar.

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2013 CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

HB 1251

2013 HOUSE STANDING COMMITTEE MINUTES

House Industry, Business and Labor Committee Peace Garden Room, State Capitol

HB 1251 April 10, 2013 Job 21070

Committee Clerk Signature

Explanation or reason for introduction of bill/resolution:

A BILL for an Act to amend and reenact sections 35-13-01 and 35-13-04 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to repairman's liens.

Minutes:

You may make reference to "attached testimony."

Meeting called to order. Roll taken.

0:30 **Senator Unruh:** Explained amendment using marked-up version of first engrossment as reference. After extensive discussion, both sides came together and decided on the amounts shown in the Senate amended as an acceptable solution.

Chairman Vigesaa: In the House, we had a lot of negotiation on the numbers. The numbers in our version were substantially lower than what was originally proposed. A thousand dollars seems to be a very minor adjustment to something which had already been adjusted quite significantly.

- 2:05 **Senator Murphy:** I was present when this occurred. It's a study in human behavior or psychology. Presented an analogy. What happened is that there was a miniscule difference between your bill and this, but the two most interested parties--the bankers and the implement dealers--were having trouble getting together. After committee, we were walking up the stairwell and stalled out. A couple senators, including me, as well the head negotiators for the bankers and implement dealers started talking. One of them asked what the other side wanted. They had a tentative handshake and went back and figured it out. They were both willing to give a little bit.
- 4:19 **Chairman Vigesaa:** If I were the party that had gone down a thousand, I would have asked to split the difference, but I know those numbers would have been cumbersome. I understand that the two parties arrived at the number and both were amenable.

Representative Beadle **moved** that the House accede to the Senate amendments. Senator Sorvaag **seconded**.

Roll call vote on motion. Motion carries. Yes = 6, No = 0, Absent = 0

Conference committee closed.

2013 HOUSE CONFERENCE COMMITTEE ROLL CALL VOTES

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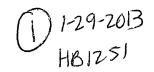
HB 1251, as engrossed: Your conference committee (Sens. Unruh, Sorvaag, Murphy and Reps. Vigesaa, Beadle, Boschee) recommends that the HOUSE ACCEDE to the Senate amendments as printed on HJ pages 1169-1170 and place HB 1251 on the Seventh order.

Engrossed HB 1251 was placed on the Seventh order of business on the calendar.

2013 TESTIMONY

HB 1251

House Bill 1251 Testimony before House IBL Committee Matthew C. Larsgaard, MBA Automobile Dealers Association of North Dakota



North Dakota Implement Dealers Association 8:00 a.m., January 29, 2013

1/27/13

Mr. Chairman and members of the committee. My name is Matthew Larsgaard and I am appearing in <u>support</u> of House Bill 1251 on behalf of the Automobile Dealers Association of North Dakota and the North Dakota Implement Dealers Association. Collectively, these organizations represent 227 of our state's franchised new car and farm equipment dealerships.

In 2012 the total annual retail sales of farm machinery and motor vehicles in North Dakota exceeded \$8.5 Billion dollars which equates to over 20% of our state's total retail sales. Our dealerships employ almost 7,500 people with an annual statewide payroll of over \$350 Million dollars.

In many cases, when a motor vehicle, tractor, combine or other farm equipment breaks down the owner of the property will bring it to a repairman, or dealer, and ask them to repair it. The dealer conducts the repair after the customer has agreed to the repairs and the cost. The vast majority of people are good customers that pay for the repairs that they have asked for. The problem exists with the few that don't and that is why the Repairman's Lien law was created. It gives the repairman an opportunity to place a lien on the property and retain possession of it until the repair bill is paid.

The purpose of the Repairman's Lien law is to protect the investment of parts and labor that the repairman adds to the property. It is important to understand that the vast majority of these repairs also increase the value of the property.

In many cases, both a lender and a repairman will have a lien on the same piece of property. In this case, there is a question of lien priority or who gets paid first, the lender or the dealer? Current law allows the repairman's lien on farm equipment (AG) to have first priority only up to the greater of \$2,500 or 25% of the value of the equipment in its repaired condition. The threshold for general property is currently \$1,000 or 25%.

HB 1251 accomplishes the following:

1) **Construction equipment is added** to the list of property to which a lien may be applied; it is set alongside farm equipment with respect to lien priority.

Why the need?

- 1. With the increased activity in the oil patch, there are many more start-up construction companies working in North Dakota. Several of these companies have had repair work performed, promised payment, took possession of the equipment, and then skipped out on paying their repair bill. Dealers need to have the ability to place a repairman's lien on construction equipment.
- 2) **Lien priority thresholds are increased** from the greater of (\$1,000 general)(\$2,500 AG) or 25% of the value of the repaired property to the greater of (\$5,000 general)(\$10,000 AG) or 50%.
 - i. The current general thresholds were set 34 years ago. (1979)
 - ii. The current AG thresholds were set 22 years ago. (1991)

*This **legislation will also allow the banks to be protected** with the 50% thresholds. Any repairs that exceed this value, assuming it is greater than the dollar threshold, would require the dealer to contact the bank and ask for their permission to allow the repair bill to have 1st priority.

Why the need?

- 1. Over the years, the cost to repair equipment and vehicles has increased significantly relative to the value of the property. In some cases, the cost of repair has been very near to the actual value of the property. Parts costs have increased. The hourly wages for mechanics has increased incredibly especially in Western, ND as we are in fierce competition with the oil fields for diesel technicians.
- 2. Equipment is lasting longer. There are many pieces of older equipment still being used by ranchers, farmers, and construction companies in Western, ND. Some of these farmers can't afford a new \$200,000 tractor however, they can afford a \$20,000 repair on a tractor that is worth \$40,000. The value of much of this equipment continues to decrease however, the costs to repair this equipment continues to rise.

- 3. *Farmers will have more control to make timely business decisions regarding their equipment needs. This is especially critical during the extremely busy harvest season when our dealers get a call on Friday evening from a farmer whose combine broke down in the field. That farmer needs the machine repaired immediately and the dealer doesn't have time to wait three days to try to identify any lienholders and then get permission from those lienholders to perform the repair.
- 4. There have been a large number of out-of-state construction companies that have come into our Western oil fields. With appropriate lien priorities, <u>our North Dakota dealers will be much better positioned on</u> this <u>equipment</u> equipment that may be potentially <u>financed by out-of-state banks</u>.

It is important to understand that this bill only helps to close the gap between our dealers' repair bills and the amount that they are actually able to collect. In many cases, the bank will still be entirely paid ahead of the dealer**.

Mr. Chairman, this concludes my testimony. Thank you.

Matthew C. Larsgaard, MBA Automobile Dealers Association of North Dakota North Dakota Implement Dealers Association

^{**}Exhibit A. Change the value of the tractor <u>before</u> the break-down and the value after the repair to \$30,000. Using the same figures, in the event of foreclosure the bank would be paid \$15,000 and the dealer would be paid \$15,000. <u>Even with HB 1251 being Passed, the bank would still get \$5,000 of the dealer's parts & labor.</u>

Exhibit A: Realistic Scenario Under Current Law:

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A bank finances 100% of the cost of a tractor. The tractor, worth \$40,000, blows an engine. The dealer replaces the engine and makes other repairs totaling \$20,000.

Tractor value <u>before</u> break-down:

\$40,000

Repair cost:

<u>\$20,000</u>

Tractor value <u>after</u> break-down:

\$20,000

At this point in the scenario the bank has experienced an unrealized loss of \$20,000. The risk that they took in making the loan has now become a reality.

Dealer now enters into the scenario

Tractor value:

\$20,000

Dealer adds value through their parts & labor:

\$20,000

Tractor Value (after dealer repair):

\$40,000

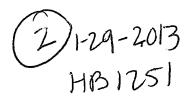
Increase in value of property through dealer repair:

\$20,000

Under current law, if the tractor is foreclosed on and sold for \$40,000, the bank would get \$30,000 and the dealer would only get \$10,000 (25%). The <u>Dealer added \$20,000</u> in parts & labor <u>but, they only get \$10,000</u>.

Net result: the bank gets \$10,000 of the dealer's parts & labor!!

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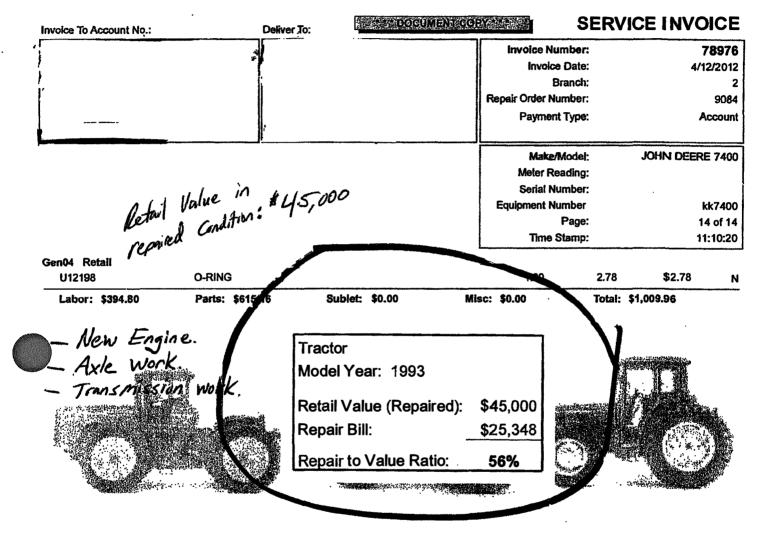
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WD12165 Work Order Summary 02 FILTER SERVICE 03 ENGINE AND COOL 04 ELECTRICAL 05 HVDRAULICS 06 BRAKES 07 CAB AND A/C 08 FEEDER HOUSE 09 THRESHING 1154.48 3239.10 127.00 10 CLEAN GRAIN & TAILINGS II MATERIAL HANDLING 12 WASH & WAX ** SALES TAX Combine Model Year: 1981 Pri Tax Oty Descript Amount Retail Value (Repaired): \$ 10,000 GROUP Repair Bill: \$ 20,672 207% 01 INSPECTION Repair to Value Ratio: 75,00 SHOP SUPPLIES ** TOTAL LAWER CUSTOME 648.42 TRUCKING MI. IN - 24 MI. 120.00 ** TOTAL TRUCKING 277.50 1000.92 * SEGMENT SUBTOTAL

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SERVICE ORDER: 11669 CL Closed Date: 8/10/2012

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11737 8V	RAPL. INCLINED DELIVERY AUGER			\$1,20 5.62
11738 8V	REPLACE CHAINS			\$190.54
117 39 8V	REPLACE BELTS			\$886.39
11740 SV	R&R FEEDER HOUSE			\$ 5,797.17
11741 SV	REPLACE TAILING AUGER BED			\$1,783.45
11742 8V	R&R ROTOR DRIVE GEAR BOX			\$2,848.58
11744 8 V	ADJUST CHAINB			\$96.60
11748 8V	REPLACE ENGINE FAN BELTS			\$83.80
11747 8V	AUGER BED BEYEL GEARS			\$1,131.83
11748 SV	REPLACE AXLE COUPLERS			\$566.80
11752 8V	REPLACE BUBBLE UP AUGER			\$1,129.88
11760 8V	R & R ROCKTRAP			\$696,69
12639 SV	REPAIR LIGHTS			\$155.31
18822 SV	INSTALL AUTOSTEER PLATFORM		AV	\$5,765.78
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I hereby authorize the repair work to be done as described above on the machine(s) named hereon. All repair part and to be billed at your regular price. I agreed to pay cash for such repair parts and labor on delivery structures and terms satisfactors to the sum until paid in full any unpaid balance shall constitute a fien on this machinery.

I further agree that you will not be held responsible for loss or damage to said machinery from tire, that, or other causes beyond your control.

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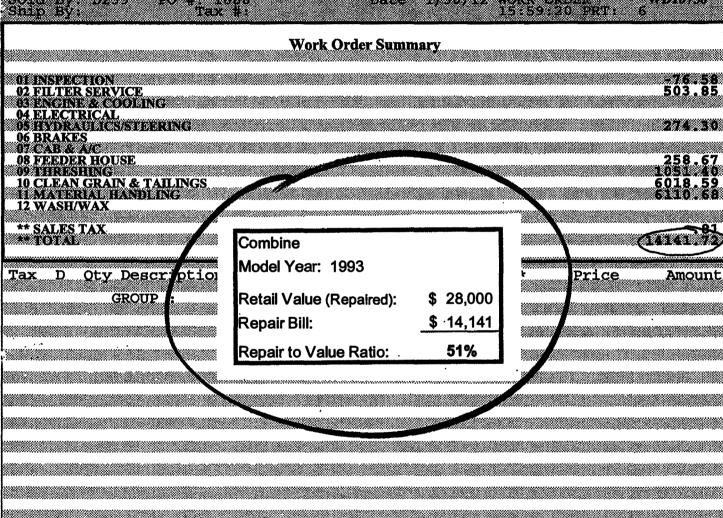
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** TOTAL 752.91 4706.20 Tractor Model Year: 1990 Lion Oty Descrip Price Amount Retail Value (Repaired): \$ 32.000 GROUP Repair Bill: \$ 14,706 01 REPIN TRACTOR AS NEEDED Repair to Value Ratio: 46% ~9 SHOP SUPPLIES 75.00 1134.20 TOTAL LATER CUSTOME SENT LOADER TO DAKOTA TOOL TO BE REPINNED 1209.20 * SEGMENT SUBTOTAL

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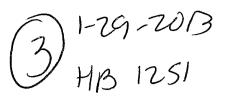




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TALKING POINTS FOR HB 1251 REPAIRMANS LIEN BILL TUESDAY JANUARY 29, 2013



MR CHAIRMAN AND COMMITTEE MEMBERS THANK YOU FOR ALLOWING ME THE TIME TO DISCUSS WITH YOU MY VIEWS ON HB 1251. MY NAME IS DAN WILSON AND I'M A PARTNER IN CORWIN AUTOMOTIVE GROUP BASED OUT OF FARGO. THE AVERAGE AGE OF A VEHCILE ON THE ROAD TODAY IS 11 YEARS OLD! (SEE EXHIBIT A). THE AVERAGE LENGTH OF A NEW VEHICLE LOAN IS 64 MONTHS WITH SOME AS LONG AS EIGHT YEARS: THE AVERAGE LEGTH OF A USED VEHICLE LOAN IS 48 TO 60 MONTHS. (SEE EXHIBIT B) YOU MAY BE WONDERING WHAT DOES THAT HAVE TO DO WITH HB 1251, WELL IT MEANS THAT PEOPLE ARE KEEPING THEIR VEHICLES MUCH LONGER TODAY THAN AT ANYTIME IN HISTORY, AND THAT THEY ARE LIKELY TO HAVE A NOTE/LIENHOLDER ON THE VEHICLE AS WELL. WE ALSO ALL KNOW THAT THE LONGER YOU KEEP A VEHICLE THE MORE THAT IS GOING TO GO WRONG WITH IT. ALONG WITH ALL OF THIS IS THE FACT THAT REPAIR BILLS JUST LIKE EVERYTHING ELSE HAVE GONE WAY UP. IT'S NOT UNCOMMON TO SEE A \$4,000 OR \$5,000 REPAIR BILL ON A VEHCILE, WITH SOME AS HIGH AS \$15,000 (SEE EXHIBITS C THROUGH F). IF YOU LOOK AT THOSE LAST 4 EXHIBITS YOU WILL SEE A BOX CIRCLED SOMEWHERE ON THE PAGE THAT SHOWS THE RETAIL VALUE OF THE VEHICLE (IN IT'S REPAIRED OR WORKING CONDITION) AS WELL AS THE TOTAL BILL TO REPAIR IT. AS YOU CAN SEE ON THESE 4 REPAIR ORDERS THE REPAIR TO VALUE RANGE WAS 41% TO 99% OF THE TOTAL VALUE OF THE VEHICLE. IF WE DIVE INTO THESE DEEPER IN MANY CASES THE REPAIR BILL IS 200% - 400% OF THE VALUE OF THE VEHICLE AT THE TIME THE REPAIR IS NEEDED. TAKE THE DODGE SPRINTER (\$12,909 BILL EXHIBIT C) IF THIS VEHICLE DIDN'T HAVE THE REPAIRS DONE IT WOULD BE WORTH THE SCRAP VALUE OF THE VEHICLE WHICH WOULD PROBABLY BE AROUND \$3,000 TO \$5,000. SO IN THAT CASE THE REPAIR IS 430% TO 258% OF THE VALUE OF THE VEHCILE AT THE TIME THE REPAIR WAS NEEDED. ONE MIGHT ASK WHY WOULD SOMEONE SPEND THAT MUCH MONEY TO REPAIR A VEHICLE. WELL AS

MENTIONED ABOVE IN MANY CASES THE VEHICLE STILL HAS A NOTE/LIENHOLDER ON IT AND THE VEHICLE IS USED IN THE INDIVIDUALS BUSINESS OR IS NEED TO PROVIDE THE INDIVIDUAL THE MEANS TO GET TO HIS OR HER JOB SO THAT THEY CAN CONTINUE TO MAKE THE NOTE PAYMENTS. TODAY'S CONSUMERS ARE KEEPING THEIR VEHICLES LONGER. FINANCING THEM LONGER AND SPENDING MORE ON THEM TO KEEP THEM ON THE ROAD. SO WHEN A DEALER PERFORMS THESE LARGE REPAIRS IN ORDER TO KEEP THESE CUSTOMERS IN A POSITION SO THAT THEY CAN KEEP THEIR BUSINESSES GOING OR CONTINUE TO GET TO WORK SO THAT THEY CAN CONTINUE TO MAKE THEIR PAYMENTS ON THE VEHICLE WHY SHOULD THEY (THE REPAIR BUSINESS) BE IN A POSITION WHERE THEY MAY NOT GET PAID FOR THE SERVICES THAT THEY RENDERED. WHEN THEY PERFORM THESE SERVICES THEY ARE INCREASING THE VALUE OF THE VEHICLE. THE REPAIRMAN SHOULD HAVE THE RIGHT TO HAVE THEIR REPAIR BILL PAID FIRST INSTEAD OF ALLOWING THE BANK/LIENHOLDER TO BENEFIT FROM THE VALUE THAT THE REPAIRMAN PUT INTO THE VEHICLE.

UNDER CURRENT LAW, IF THE VEHICLE IS REPOSSESSED THE BANK COULD WALKAWAY WITH A PORTION OF MONEY THAT THE REPAIRMAN PUT INTO THE VEHICLE. I TRULY BELIEVE THAT HB 1251 INCREASING THE THRESHOLD FROM THE GREATER OF \$1,000 OR 25% OF THE VALUE OF THE REPAIRED VEHICLE TO THE GREATER OF \$5,000 OR 50% IS ONLY FAIR FOR THE REPARIMAN IN ND. THE ORIGINAL PURPOSE THE REPAIRMANS LIEN LAW IS TO PROTECT THE INVESTMENT OF PARTS AND LABOR THAT THE REPAIRMAN ADDS TO THE VEHICLE. THE ORIGINAL LAW IS OUTDATED AND NEEDS TO BE UPDATED TO CONFORM WITH TODAY'S INCREASED REPAIR BILLS, THE INCREASED AGE OF VEHICLES ON THE ROAD AND THE INCREASED LENGTH OF FINANCING OF TODAYS VEHICLES.

I WANT TO AGAIN THANK YOU MR. CHAIRMAN AND COMMITTEE MEMBERS FOR THIS TIME.

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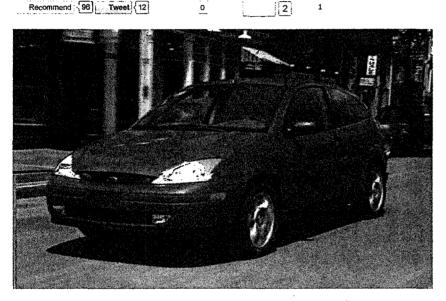
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Average Vehicle Age in U.S. Hits 11 Years, Ford Models Most Abundant on Roads

Written by: Karla Sanchez[G+] on June 27 2012 3:00 PM



More and more people are holding onto their old <u>cars</u> 3, as a new report from data experts Experian reveals the number of older vehicles on the road has increased by more than 17 million since 2009.

Cars seven years and older account for 17.3 million cars on the road, reports Experian Automotive in its Q1 2012 Vehicles & in Operation Analysis. To give you a better idea of how big of a scale we're talking about, the report reveals there are more than 245 million vehicles in operation across the 'States. The number of older vehicles isn't the only figure to go up though, as the average age of vehicles is also up at 11 years old compared to the same quarter last year.

A shaky economy could be partly to blame for people holding onto their cars longer, but the increase in average age could also be attributed to cars and trucks being built to last longer. While that may not be the best news for new-car dealerships, Experian says the change gives the aftermarket sector an opportunity to flourish.

But which make is America's favorite? Additional data reveals the four most popular makes, in order, are Ford, Chevrolet, Toyota, and Honda. The tally comes from evaluating the vehicles of in operation on both U.S. and Canadian roads, and when narrowing it down to models, the Ford F-150 ruled the road, followed by the Honda Accord, Toyota Camry of an Ochevrolet Silverado. Though automakers continue to introduce hybrids and EVs to the U.S. maket, the fuel-sipping and electrified cars surprisingly represented only 0.9 percent of all vehicles in operation. Also unexpected are the findings for light trucks, which make up 50.8 percent of the total vehicles in operation.





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How Long is the Average Car Loan?



by Robert Morello, Demand Media

Your decision to buy might be besed vehicle cost and the length of the loan.

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If you're in the market for a new car, the length of the average auto loan may surprise you. Loans for many years were typically around five years, or 60 months. Buyers now seek varying loan lengths and terms, depending on the vehicle and the state of the economy at the time of purchase.

New Car Loans

The average length of new car loans tends to increase in times of economic hardship. The longer term allows for lower payments, which make the purchase more affordable for the buyer on a monthly basis. The average length of an auto loan stretched to 64 months according to Experian, as of 2012. Many buyers even push their payment schedule way beyond that, with seven- and eight-year loans becoming more prevalent. The extended loan term of course brings increased profit for lenders who collect more interest during the loan. The lenders also will increase interest rates and assess fees for buyers with subprime credit.

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Used Car Loans

New car loans have more flexible terms than used car loans. A used car provides less of a known quantity. The average used car loan ranged between 48 to 60 months, as of publication. A used car typically has a shorter and more limited warranty than a new vehicle — if any warranty exists— and has a lower probability of lasting the life of a long-term loan. The interest rates on used car loans are typically higher than a new car loan.

Economic Conditions

The term of the average car loan is driven by the majority of borrowers who have less than prime credit ratings when they apply. Lenders leverage the risk of these subprime loans by increasing the amount of interest collected and the amount of time that interest will be paid. In in a weak economy, car loans are still considered a safe and profitable business for many debt buyers like private-equity and investment firms. The loans made by your lender can thus be sold off at a quick profit so more loans can be made. The result is even more loans with terms that are much more flexible than they would be if the bank was shouldering the risk alone.

History

Car loans as we know them began in the 1970s, with an average term length of around 35 months. Back then the cost of the average car was about \$3,000 and interest rates were in the 12 percent range. With such short term loans, lenders had to make their money quickly, and the high interest charges accomplished that task. It took until 1998 for auto loan interest rates to drop below 6 percent, after which they fluctuated up and down for a few years before hitting a low of 2.72 percent and an average length of about 60 months in 2002. The low rates and longer loan terms that have become the norm in the decade from 2002 to 2012 were the result of economic stimulus programs.

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About the Author

Robert Morello has an extensive travel, marketing and business background. He graduated with his B.A. from Columbia University in 2002 and has volunteered as an English teacher and building expert in several international locations. Morello is now a professional writer who makes his life traveling abroad.

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North Dakota Agricultural Association SUPPORT HB 1251 REPAIRMAN'S LIEN

5)-29-2013 HB 1251

My name is Marc Taylor; I am a Past President of the North Dakota Agricultural Association. I am here on behalf of Gary Knutson who is the Executive Director of the NDAA. We **SUPPORT** HB 1251.

The North Dakota Agricultural Association represents 475 dealer & distributor members from all corners of North Dakota. Our members provide goods and services to many agri-businesses such as:

- 1) Crop Protection Products
- 2) Seed Products
- 3) Crop Protection Products & Application
- 4) Fertilizer & the Application

As an organization that is deeply involved in agriculture throughout North Dakota we believe that this legislation is very important to all of our members: fertilizer plants, seed plants, chemical distributors, and chemical & fertilizer applicators.

We must ensure that the farm equipment dealer network is properly protected when they work on our equipment. We operate in the extremely busy planting, spraying, and harvesting seasons. We cannot afford to allow our application equipment to be down for any amount of time.

North Dakota Implement Dealers Association Marc Taylor, President,

Northern Plains Equipment Co., Inc.

Mandan ND, Case IH Dealer for 28 years

Past President of the North Dakota Implement Dealers Association Bismarck/Mandan Chamber Small Business Person of the Year 2012

My Name is Marc Taylor and I **SUPPORT HB 1251**. Equipment Costs and repairs have increased significantly over the last decade. Today, at Northern Plains Equipment Co., Inc. we figure it will cost our dealership about \$1,000 just to detail/wash and inspect a tractor including minor repairs. We had (2) work orders in 2012 that exceeded \$50,000. Since the EPA has mandated the standards for farm equipment engines, the EPA has also instituted rules regarding what can and cannot be replaced on an "emissions" engine. What used to be a part that could be replaced now requires a complete new engine because the manufacturer will not or cannot remanufacture the engine which is what causes the escalation of costs. However, the machine is worth a fraction of its value if it cannot be operated or taken on a test drive to see if everything else is working.

What is difficult for dealerships is these breakdowns often occur at the worst possible time-late in the day or weekends when there is lots of pressure to get the machine up and running and no access to do lien searches to verify if there is a security interest in the machine or even the possibility of multiple (blanket) liens.

An equipment dealer typically works with customers that he is familiar with, but without an intimate knowledge of the customer's finances. So it is usually a surprise when the customer's financial struggles surface when we're trying to collect for repairs that have been agreed to and completed. Suddenly, the dealership finds out that they are without any remedy even though it was the dealership that made the equipment saleable for the customer or the lien holder.

Please support House Bill 1251-I believe House Bill 1251 is in the best interests of the producer, the dealers and even the financial institutions.

Thank you

TESTIMONY OF MARILYN FOSS

(North Dakota Bankers Association)

(J) 1-29-2013 HB 1251

HB 1251

Mr. Chairman, members of the committee, I am Marilyn Foss, general counsel for the North

Dakota Bankers Association. I am here to oppose HB 1251.

In reality, this bill as nothing more than an effort to shift very substantial risk and costs to lenders in a situation where the person making the repairs can fully protect himself by simply retaining possession of the repaired item until there is payment for the repairs.

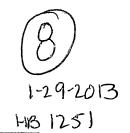
To the extent proponents of the bill contend the law has not kept up with current costs, we beg to differ. The current law allows a repairman's lien to extend to 25% of the value of the equipment, so the law has kept up with the increased amounts repairmen charge for their services.

Originally, repairman's liens were established to protect small businesses who were repairing vehicles, equipment, etc. that had been sold by others. Frankly, there are fewer and fewer of those shops still in existence. If this bill passes, it will shift even more risk from the sellers of large ticket items (who, not coincidentally are some of the larger and most successful businesses in the state) to lenders, including banks, which are some of the smaller businesses in the state. What state interest is served by that transfer?

The current law works as intended. If more protection is required, the repairman should act to protect themselves and can keep possession of the repaired property until they are paid. The current law works just fine and should not be changed to the disadvantage of lenders and to the advantage of automobile, implement and construction dealers.

Thank you.

TESTIMONY IN OPPOSITION TO HOUSE BILL NO. 1251



GREG TSCHIDER, CREDIT UNION ASSOCIATION OF THE DAKOTAS

Mr. Chairman and Members of the House Industry, Business, and Labor Committee, I am Greg Tschider and I represent the Credit Union Association of the Dakotas.

Financial institutions finance loans on vehicles, farm equipment, etc. The loan to value ratios vary from 60% to 90% with farm equipment normally at about 70% of the value of the collateral. At issue is who has priority to the collateral – the lienholder or the repairman if the collateral is actually repaired.

Existing law provides that if the repair costs are anticipated to be less then \$1,000.00 or 25% of the value of the collateral after repair, whichever is greater, (\$2,500.00 in the case of agricultural property), nothing needs to be done. The repairman can perform the repairs and the repairman has priority to the collateral. However, if the expected repair costs exceed \$1,000.00 (\$2,500.00 for agricultural equipment) or 25% of the repaired value, whichever is greater, then the repairman is required to notify the lienholder before doing the repair work. For example under existing law, if a tractor is worth \$200,000.00, the repairman would only be required to notify the lienholder if the repair cost exceeded \$50,000.00. This provides the lienholder the opportunity to evaluate its collateral position before agreeing to the repair work. If the lienholder agrees, the repairman

can repair the collateral and the repairman will have priority to the collateral. If the lienholder does not agree, then the repairman doesn't perform the repair work.

The lienholder should not be at the mercy of the repairman to permit the repairman to perform the work regardless of price. 25% is a reasonable cut-off which protects the repairman. Over that amount, the lienholder should have the opportunity to evaluate its loan-to-value ratio and determine if a large repair bill is advantageous or not.

This bill proposes raising the 25% to 50%. In the above example, this bill would permit the repairman to perform up to \$100,000.00 of repairs without the lienholder's knowledge or approval. That is not fair or reasonable.

If the lienholder had financed 70% of the cost of the \$200,000.00 tractor, the loan balance would be \$140,000.00. To permit a repair of 100,000.00 would cause the lienholder to be in a position of holding a debt of \$240,000.00 on a tractor only worth \$200,000.00 without the knowledge or approval of the lienholder.

The result of this proposed bill would be that financial institutions would need to protect against this by lending less on tangible personal property. Young farmers and young consumers are in no financial position to have a down payment of 50%. With a \$30,000 automobile, the repairman can under existing law, perform repairs up to \$7,500.00 without the knowledge of the lienholder and obtain priority.

As the law stands, the repairman is not exposed to any loss because if the lienholder does not agree to the repair, then the repairman simply does not do the repair work.

This bill is not necessary. The existing law protects all parties in a reasonable manner. This bill will have a chilling affect on lending. This is not a step forward. Therefore, it is respectfully submitted that this Committee give this bill a "DO NOT PASS".

Thank you.

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January 28, 2013

House Industry, Business, and Labor Committee:

Re: House Bill No. 1251

My name is David Mason and I am here today to testify on behalf of the Independent Community Banks of North Dakota in opposition to HB 1251.

HB 1251 increases the dollar and percentage of value limits in which repairman are required to notify the recorded lien holder in the event the repairman wishes to place a priority lien on machinery they have repaired. We oppose this legislation for two reasons:

- 1. The current law requires the repairman to notify the lien holder of record if their lien will exceed twenty-five percent of the value of the equipment. This coincides well with the banking industry's standard loan to value limitations on equipment and allows for banks to be open to lending at these higher loan to values with the knowledge that their lien is sufficient to cover a potentially undisclosed repairman lien. Changes to this percentage of asset value notification criteria will cause bank's to re-examine their lending risks and potentially effect loan to values allowed on equipment, thereby reducing available credit to the equipment operators.
- 2. ICBND is also opposed to the bill's provision that increases the dollar limits from one thousand to five thousand or from two thousand five hundred to ten thousand dollars on agricultural equipment. Although we understand that the cost of doing standard repairs has continued to increase, these limits appear too high for not reporting them to the recorded lien holder. If it is considered reasonable for a bank to record its lien interests for small equipment, it seems that the same courtesy should be made if a repairman wishes to have their repair bill constitute as a priority lien.

A stable and well managed lien recording system is essential to allowing community banks to extend credit to its customers and understanding its loan amounts in relation to the equipment's values. The state statutes already provide ample protection to repairman by allowing their lien to take priority over the bank's previously recorded lien interest. All we are asking is that the lien holder be informed. HB 1251 expands the required disclosure amounts beyond what is reasonable and therefore I am opposed to this legislation.

Sincerely,

David M Mason Independent Community Banks of North Dakota #343



Testimony of Dana Bohn North Dakota Farm Credit Council Executive Director HB 1251 January 29, 2013

Chairman Keiser and members of the House Industry, Business and Labor Committee, my name is Dana Bohn. I am here today on behalf of the North Dakota Farm Credit Council (NDFCC) to express our opposition to HB 1251.

NDFCC is comprised of three farmer/rancher-owned independent Farm Credit associations that provide credit and financial services to farmers, ranchers and agribusinesses of all sizes and income ranges in every county in North Dakota. As one of the state's largest ag lenders, North Dakota Farm Credit associations provide about \$7.2 billion in credit and financial services to nearly 20,900 customers.

This legislation amends the repairman's lien law by increasing the cost of the repair thresholds and the time one has to file a lien upon relinquishing possession of personal property. North Dakota lenders, including Farm Credit Services, do not support broadening the language for those eligible to file a lien, or increasing the value percentage and number of days required for filing. Farm Credit Services doesn't want to increase the potential for there to be any additional unknown debt out there as we are analyzing credit. As lenders, it is in our best interest to keep the timeframe for the lien repairman's lien as short as possible and the dollar amount as low as possible.

This bill could have an adverse effect on Farm Credit Services or any lender should they acquire a repossessed piece of equipment with a repair bill unknown to the lending institution. In addition, this extended time period in which the repairman's lien could be filed allows liens to possibly surface after the equipment's debt was thought to have been remedied.

The current statute already gives the repairman's lien priority, but this amendment substantially raises the dollar amount that is entitled to priority, which would further cut into the lender's lien position on the equipment that is repaired. Therefore, we oppose HB 1251.

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Prepared by the Legislative Council staff for Representative M. Nelson

February 8, 2013

PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO HOUSE BILL NO. 1251

Page 1, line 7, after the underscored comma insert "tire dealer."

Renumber accordingly

House Bill 1251 Testimony before Senate IBL Committee Matthew C. Larsgaard, MBA Automobile Dealers Association of North Dakota North Dakota Implement Dealers Association 10:15 a.m., March 25, 2013

3/21/13

Mr. Chairman and members of the committee. My name is Matthew Larsgaard and I am appearing in <u>support</u> of House Bill 1251 on behalf of the Automobile Dealers Association of North Dakota and the North Dakota Implement Dealers Association. Collectively, these organizations represent 227 of our state's franchised new car and farm equipment dealerships.

In many cases, when a motor vehicle, tractor, combine or other farm equipment breaks down the owner of the property will bring it to a repairman, or dealer, and ask them to repair it. The dealer conducts the repair after the customer has agreed to the repairs and the cost. The vast majority of people are good customers that pay for the repairs that they have asked for. The problem exists with the few that don't and that is why the Repairman's Lien law was created. It gives the repairman an opportunity to place a lien on property and retain possession of it until the repair bill is paid.

The purpose of the Repairman's Lien law is to protect the investment of parts and labor that the repairman adds to the property. It is important to understand that <u>the vast majority of these repairs also increase the value of the property.</u>

In many instances, both a lender and a repairman will have a lien on the same piece of property. In this case, there is a question of lien priority or who gets paid first, the lender or the dealer? Current law allows the repairman's lien on farm equipment (AG) to have first priority only up to the greater of \$2,500 or 25% of the value of the equipment in its repaired condition. The threshold for general property is currently \$1,000 or 25%.

HB 1251 accomplishes the following:

1) Construction equipment is added to the list of property to which a lien may be applied; it is set alongside farm equipment with respect to lien priority.

Why the need?

- 1. With the increased activity in the oil patch, there are many more start-up construction companies working in North Dakota. Several of these companies have had repair work performed, promised payment, took possession of the equipment, and then skipped out on paying their repair bill. Dealers need to have the ability to place a repairman's lien on construction equipment.
- 2) Lien priority thresholds are increased from the greater of (\$1,000 general)(\$2,500 AG) or 25% of the value of the repaired property to the greater of (\$5,000 general)(\$10,000 AG) or 30%.
 - i. The current general thresholds were set 34 years ago. (1979)
 - ii. The current AG thresholds were set 22 years ago. (1991)

*This legislation will also allow the banks to be very well protected with the 30% thresholds. Any repairs that exceed this value, assuming it is greater than the dollar threshold, would require the dealer to contact the bank and ask for their permission to allow the repair bill to have 1st priority.

Why the need?

- 1. Over the years, the cost to repair equipment and vehicles has increased significantly relative to the value of the property. In some cases, the cost of repair has been very near to the actual value of the property. Parts costs have increased. The hourly wages for mechanics has increased incredibly especially in Western, ND as we are in fierce competition with the oil fields for diesel technicians.
- 2. Equipment is lasting longer. There are many pieces of older equipment still being used by ranchers, farmers, and construction companies in Western, ND. Some of these farmers can't afford a new \$200,000 tractor however, they can afford a \$20,000 repair on a tractor that is worth \$40,000. The value of much of this equipment continues to decrease however, the costs to repair this equipment continues to rise.

3. Farmers will have more control to make timely business decisions regarding their

equipment needs. This is especially critical during the extremely busy harvest

season when our dealers get a call on Friday evening from a farmer whose combine

broke down in the field. That farmer needs the machine repaired immediately and

the dealer doesn't have time to wait three days to try to identify any lienholders and

then get permission from those lienholders to perform the repair.

4. There have been a large number of out-of-state construction companies that have

come into our Western oil fields. With appropriate lien priorities, our North Dakota

dealers will be much better positioned on this equipment - equipment that may

be financed by out-of-state banks.

Go To: Exhibit A.

It is important to understand that this bill only helps to close the gap between our

dealers' repair bills and the amount that they are actually able to collect. In many

cases, the bank will still be able to collect money that should be paid to the dealer.

Mr. Chairman, this bill has already had a very substantial amendment made to it. The

original bill set the percentage threshold at 50%; it was amended down to 30%.

Although this is much less than what we were hoping for, we do believe the current bill

is a good step forward. We are now respectively asking this body to pass this bill

without further amendments.

Mr. Chairman, this concludes my testimony. Thank you.

Matthew C. Larsgaard, MBA

Automobile Dealers Association of North Dakota

North Dakota Implement Dealers Association

Exhibit A: Realistic Scenario Under Current Law:

3/21/13

A bank has a mortgage on 100% of the value of a tractor. The tractor, worth \$40,000, blows an engine. The dealer replaces the engine and makes other repairs totaling \$20,000.

Tractor value <u>before</u> break-down:

\$40,000

Repair cost:

\$20,000

Tractor value <u>after</u> break-down:

\$20,000

At this point in the scenario the bank has experienced an unrealized loss of \$20,000. The risk that they took in making the loan has now become a reality.

Dealer now enters into the scenario

Tractor value:

\$20,000

Dealer adds value through their parts & labor:

\$20,000

Tractor Value (after dealer repair):

\$40,000

Increase in value of property through dealer repair:

\$20,000

Under current law, if the tractor is foreclosed on and sold for \$40,000, the bank would get \$30,000 and the dealer would only get \$10,000 (25%). The <u>Dealer added \$20,000</u> in parts & labor <u>but, they only get \$10,000</u>.

Net result: the bank gets \$10,000 of the dealer's parts & labor!!

Even with HB 1251 being Passed, the bank would still get \$8,000 of the dealer's parts & labor.









SUPPORT House Bill 1251 Strengthens Repairman's (mechanics) Lien Law PASSED HOUSE 83-6

The Repairman's Lien law was created to protect the investment of parts and labor that a repairman (dealer) adds to an automobile, truck, combine, tractor etc. This protection allows a repairman to place a lien on the property and retain possession of it until the repair bill is paid.

House Bill 1251 accomplishes the following:

- 1. Increases lien priority thresholds from the greater of (\$1,000 auto)(\$2,500 AG) or 25% of the value of the property to the greater of (\$5,000 auto)(\$10,000 AG) or 30%.
- 2. Construction equipment is added to the list of property to which a lien may be applied.

Why the need?

- 1. Lien priority thresholds are simply out of date. Current general thresholds were set 34 years ago (1979). Current AG thresholds were set 22 years ago (1991). The cost to repair equipment and vehicles has increased significantly relative to the value of the property.
- There are many more start-up construction companies working in Western, ND.
 Dealers are exposed to an ever increasing risk of non-payment for repairs to construction equipment.
- With appropriate lien priorities, <u>North Dakota's dealers will be much better positioned on equipment</u> owned by out-of-state construction companies equipment that may be potentially <u>financed by out-of-state banks</u>.
- 4. *Banks will be well protected with the 30% thresholds. Any repairs that exceed this value (assuming it is greater than the dollar threshold) would require the dealer to contact the bank and ask for their permission to allow the repair bill to have 1st priority.
- 5. Protecting a repairman's investment minimizes potentially expensive downtime for customers. This is **extremely important for farmers and truckers**, whose livelihood depends on working equipment, especially during the busy harvest season.
- 6. It is important to understand that this bill only helps to close the gap between dealers' repair bills and the amount that they are actually able to collect. In many cases, the bank will still be entirely paid ahead of the dealer.

SUPPORT House Bill 1251 Strengthens Repairman's (mechanics) Lien Law

- 7. Equipment is lasting longer. Many pieces of older equipment are still being used by farmers, ranchers and construction companies. Some farmers/ranchers can't afford a new \$200,000 tractor but they can afford a \$20,000 repair on a \$40,000 tractor.
- 8. Furthermore the bank benefits from the dealer's repair!!

Realistic Scenario under Current Law

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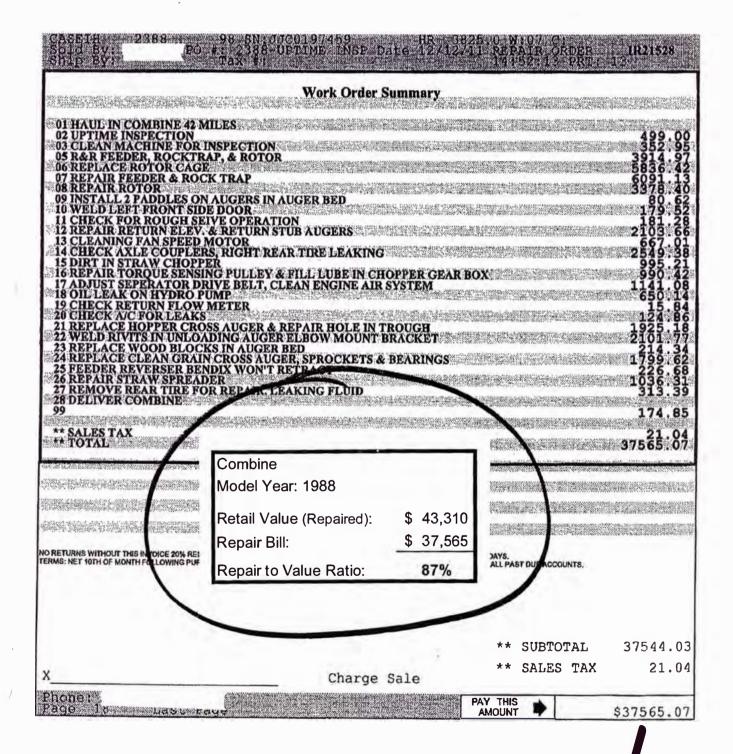




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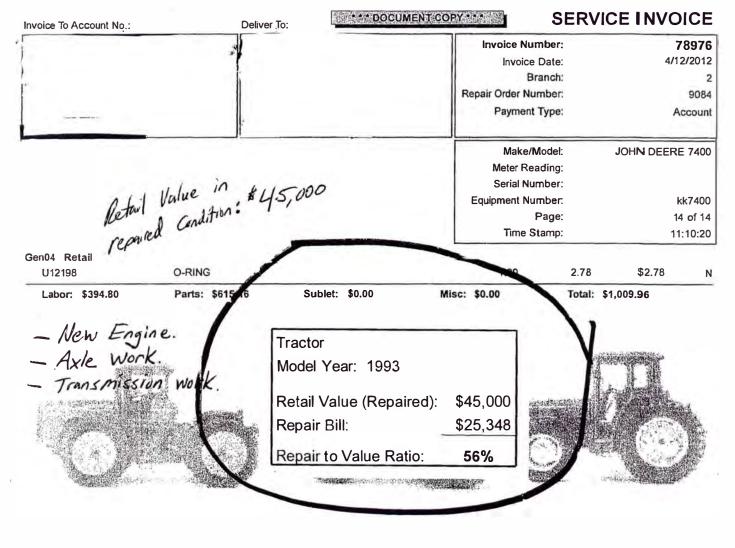
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\$16,820.67 Parts: Sublet: Misc: \$178.29 Sales Tax:

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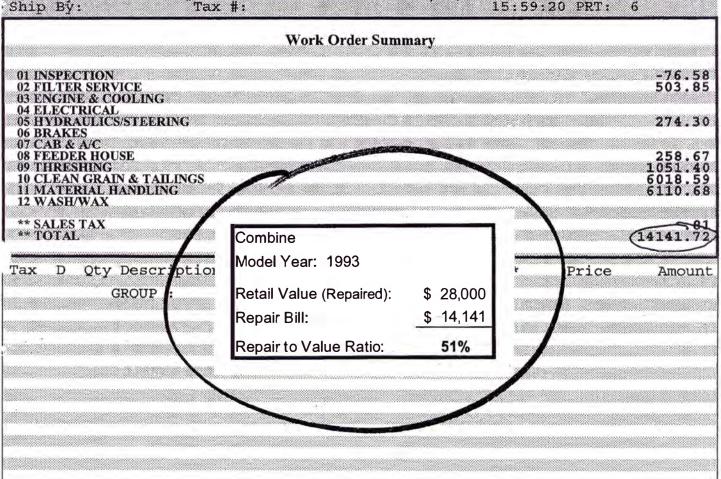
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North Dakota Implement Dealers Association Marc Taylor, President,

Northern Plains Equipment Co., Inc.

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Past President of the North Dakota Implement Dealers Association
Bismarck/Mandan Chamber Small Business Person of the Year 2012

Equipment Costs and repairs have increased significantly over the last decade. Today, at Northern Plains Equipment Co., Inc. we figure just to detail/wash and inspect a tractor including minor repairs, it will cost our dealership about \$1,000. We had (2) work orders in 2012 that exceeded \$50,000. Since the EPA has mandated the standards for farm equipment engines, the EPA has also instituted rules regarding what can and what cannot be replaced on an "emissions" engine. What used to be a part that could be replaced now requires a complete new engine because the manufacturer will not or cannot remanufacture the engine which is what causes the escalation of costs. However, the machine is worth a fraction of its value if it cannot be operated.

What is difficult for dealerships is these breakdowns often occur at the worst possible time-late in the day or weekends when there is lots of pressure to get the machine up and running and no access to do lien searches to verify if there is a security interest in the machine or even the possibility of multiple (blanket) liens.

An equipment dealer typically works with customers that he is familiar with, but without intimate knowledge of the customer's finances. So it is usually a surprise when the customer financial struggles surface when

the dealer is trying to collect for the repairs that have been agreed to and completed. Suddenly, the dealership finds they are without any remedy although it was the dealership that made the equipment saleable for either the customer or the lien holder.

Please support House Bill 1251-l believe House Bill 1251 is in the best interests of the producer, the dealers and even the financial institutions.

Thank you

Mr Chairman and members of the committee.

My name is Mike Weisenberger and I'm appearing in support of House Bill 1251. I'm a Grand Forks resident and manage farm equipment dealerships, for Titan Machinery, in Grand Forks and Mayville. I'm also a member of the Board of Directors of the North Dakota Implement Dealers Association.

The business of farming has been on a roll in recent years. As our state's farmers prosper, we implement dealers also do well. Times are good. We've sold record amounts of new farm equipment in each of the past few years. For each new piece of equipment we retail, a cycle begins where we ultimately may sell several pieces of used equipment which are descendants of the new sale.

The selling of our equipment leads to supporting the use of the products as well as sometimes repairing the equipment after periods of usage. Repairs of relatively new equipment are usually covered by some sort of warranty where the manufacturer of the product reimburses us for our labor and for replacement parts installed. Typically all costs related to the repair of used equipment are paid by the owner.

While there's a lot of new equipment being put into service across the state, the older equipment continues to be used for many years. The usage of that older equipment varies. Some units are integral parts of smaller farm operations, some see

less demanding applications like powering a grain auger or mowing ditches. Many older tractors are used off of production farms in places like road construction, hobby farms, and snow removal.

Often it's the older equipment that spends more time in our repair facilities. It's seen more usage and just prone to breakdown more often. Our shops rely on the repair revenues the breakdowns produce so supporting the older equipment is really important to us.

At one point earlier this winter, I pulled a list of equipment that had been scheduled to take advantage of a Winter Inspection and Discount program we offer annually. Hopefully the maintenance and repairs that we do in the off-season will result in less downtime next summer. Of the first 30 pieces of equipment on the list, 18 of them were over 10 years old and three of them were each 26 years old. The owners of these units are investing money in them because they intend to run them for some time yet.

The older equipment is of less value than newer units but the cost of repairs is generally much greater. Those repairs are often tens of thousands of dollars. It's not uncommon to have repair bills of \$20,000-30,000 on equipment that not worth more than \$40,000-50,000. Our labor rates and the price of replacement parts are blind to the age of a unit.

The repair activity is obviously a big part of our business. The sport goes out of it when someone doesn't pay their bill. We invest a tremendous amount of money on recruiting, educating, and training our staff and on filling our shelves with replacement parts. It's an absolute must that there are mechanisms in place to help us with collecting for our services.

A Repairman's Lien is one of the few avenues that we have to help recover those unpaid repairs. North Dakota's current Repairman's Lien is an effective tool but it's grossly unmatched to the values of today's equipment and the cost to repair it. We don't need a brand new law, just a tweaking to the one that's been in place for over three decades.

Thank you for the opportunity to be here this morning, please consider supporting House Bill 1251.

Summary With NADA Values NADA Used Car Guide Monday, March 25, 2013

Guide Edition: Vehicle Description:

Southwestern Used Car Guide - March 2013

2004 FORD TRUCK

F350 Super Duty-V8 Crew Cab Lariat 4WD

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Testimony of Dana Bohn North Dakota Farm Credit Council Executive Director Engrossed HB 1251 March 25, 2013

Chairman Klein and members of the Senate Industry, Business and Labor Committee, my name is Dana Bohn. I am here today on behalf of the North Dakota Farm Credit Council (NDFCC) to express our opposition to Engrossed HB 1251.

NDFCC is comprised of three farmer/rancher-owned independent Farm Credit associations that provide credit and financial services to farmers, ranchers and agribusinesses of all sizes and income ranges in every county in North Dakota. As one of the state's largest ag lenders, North Dakota Farm Credit associations provide about \$7.2 billion in credit and financial services to nearly 20,900 customers.

Engrossed HB 1251 proposes to raise the dollar amount allowable on a repairman's lien and broaden the eligibility requirements for filing a repairman's lien, which would have an adverse effect on the lending industry.

A repairman's lien is a lien that may be placed against a vehicle or a piece of farm equipment when the repairs completed on the property are not paid for by the owner of the property.

The repairman's lien already has first priority over other mortgages and financing statements. Engrossed HB 1251 would increase the thresholds for a repairman's lien, which would shift even more liability from the implement dealer to the lender. Moreover, Engrossed HB 1251 would allow an implement dealer to cut even further into the lender's lien position on repaired equipment by shifting very substantial risks (up to \$10,000 or 30% of the value of farm machinery or construction equipment, whichever is greater) to the lender.

Independently owned and operated associations serving North Dakota and northwest and west central Minnesota.

The proponents of the bill argue that the law hasn't kept up with increasing costs. Current statute is based on a dollar amount or 25% of the value of the equipment, whichever is greater, so as the value of the equipment increases so does the threshold. Therefore, we see no need to change it.

In addition, we believe it should be the responsibility of the repairman to make sure the payment for the repair is provided before the repaired equipment is released back to the owner, not the responsibility of the lender.

For example, if financing is needed for repairs on a combine that will generate revenue for the repairman and the lender, most lenders will want to do whatever they can to get a famer back in the field as soon as possible. However, putting \$40,000 of repairs into a \$30,000 combine may not be in the best option. Engrossed HB 1251 increases lien eligibility thresholds, but it does not increase communication between the lender, farmer and repairman, which we would prefer.

This bill could also have an adverse effect on Farm Credit Services or any lender should they acquire a repossessed piece of equipment with a repair bill unknown to the lending institution.

Lenders make adjustments in the price of their products to manage risk, and Engrossed HB 1251 increases our risk. This in turn increases the cost of credit for our customers, North Dakota farmers and ranchers.

Farm Credit Services doesn't want to increase the potential for there to be additional unknown debt out there as it is analyzing credit and wants to keep the dollar amount and percentage entitled for priority as low as possible. Engrossed HB 1251 does the opposite. Therefore, we oppose Engrossed HB 1251 and ask you to give it a Do Not Pass recommendation.

13.0597.02001 Title. Prepared by the Legislative Council staff for Senator Unruh

March 26, 2013

PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO ENGROSSED HOUSE BILL NO. 1251

Page 1, line 13, replace "five" with "four"

Page 1, line 14, replace "ten" with "nine"

Page 2, line 9, replace "five" with "four"

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Renumber accordingly