

NORTH DAKOTA LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

Minutes of the

BUDGET COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENT SERVICES

Thursday, October 5, 2006
Roughrider Room, State Capitol
Bismarck, North Dakota

Representative Al Carlson, Chairman, called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

Members present: Representatives Al Carlson, Randy Boehning, Ron Carlisle, Kari Conrad, Jeff Delzer, Glen Froseth, Bette B. Grande, James Kerzman, Joe Kroeber, Ralph Metcalf, Darrell D. Nottestad, Blair Thoreson, Dave Weiler, Alon C. Wieland; Senators Duaine C. Espgaard, Aaron Krauter, Ed Kringstad, Elroy N. Lindaas, Stanley W. Lyson, Dave Nething

Members absent: Representatives Duane DeKrey, Eliot Glassheim, Ken Svedjan

Others present: See attached appendix

It was moved by Representative Nottestad, seconded by Representative Carlisle, and carried on a voice vote that the minutes of the August 29, 2006, committee meeting be approved as distributed.

DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS AND REHABILITATION STRATEGIC PLAN

Mr. Dave Krabbenhoft, Director, Fiscal Affairs, Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation, presented information on the number of inmates by location. A copy of the information presented is on file in the Legislative Council office. Mr. Krabbenhoft said for the 2005-07 biennium to date through September 30, 2006, the number of female inmates has averaged 166 inmates, 22 more than the estimated population of 144. He said for the 2005-07 biennium to date through September 30, 2006, the number of male inmates has averaged 1,245 inmates, 10 more than the estimated population of 1,235. Mr. Krabbenhoft said the male population is at 105 percent of capacity. He said the department is housing inmates over the capacity to save money by not having to contract for inmate housing.

Mr. Krabbenhoft said there are 78 inmates in programs at the Bismarck Transition Center. He said the Bismarck Transition Center opened in April 2005 and the Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation started counting the number of inmates in each program at the center in June 2006. He said it is too early to evaluate the results of the programs, but they appear to be effective.

In response to a question from Representative Carlson, Mr. Krabbenhoft said the department anticipates a 4.7 to 5 percent growth rate for the male

population for the remainder of the 2005-07 biennium with similar growth rates for the 2007-09 biennium.

Mr. Krabbenhoft said the Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation's budget request for the 2007-09 biennium will be submitted to the Office of Management and Budget by October 15, 2006. He said the proposed east cellhouse replacement project will result in a net gain of 244 beds. Mr. Krabbenhoft said the current estimated cost of the project is \$42 million. He said discussions with architects on July 6, 2006, indicate substantial building cost increases over the next 18 months. He said the architects indicated if construction was to begin in March 2008, there could be an estimated 18 to 20 percent increase in the project cost estimate.

In response to a question from Representative Carlson, Mr. Krabbenhoft said the architect's review of the replacement of the east cellhouse was funded through the preliminary planning revolving fund. He said the replacement project cost includes repayment to the fund.

Mr. Krabbenhoft said the Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation is requesting funding for two additional projects in its optional budget request for the 2007-09 biennium--\$2.7 million for a multipurpose room at the Missouri River Correctional Center and \$900,000 for parking lot renovation at the State Penitentiary.

In response to a question from Representative Nottestad, Mr. Krabbenhoft said the additional 11 nurse and nurse assistant FTE positions anticipated for the 2009-11 biennium would be necessary to staff the new medical facility included in the east cellhouse replacement project.

In response to a question from Senator Nething, Mr. Krabbenhoft said the net gain of 244 beds in the east cellhouse replacement project will reduce future needs for housing inmates in county jails. He said the Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation is including \$1.4 million in the department's 2007-09 biennium budget request for housing inmates at county jails.

In response to a question from Representative Delzer, Mr. Krabbenhoft said the number of inmates sentenced to less than six months at the State Penitentiary decreased after a letter was sent to district courts informing them the department has available alternatives to incarceration for inmates sentenced to less than 180 days.

Commission on Alternatives to Incarceration

Representative Kroeber, Chairman, Commission on Alternatives to Incarceration, reported on the commission's activities to date. Representative Kroeber said the commission is making the following recommendations to the Governor for inclusion in the executive budget:

- Include up to \$1.2 million for the expansion of the Robinson Recovery Center.
- Include \$300,000 for room and board for individuals admitted to a faith-based program to address addiction problems.
- Include approximately \$600,000 for the addition of two FTE positions for the Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation and four FTE positions for the Department of Human Services to assist in the expansion of drug courts.
- Include \$200,000 to be administered on a cost-share basis with local governments for the operation of community service organizations.
- Include \$582,000 to assist in implementing the Cass County Jail Intervention Coordinating Committee mental health project, contingent on the receipt of a federal grant for implementation of the project.

Representative Kroeber said the commission will also encourage the Governor to assess the need for reducing caseloads for licensed addiction counselors, case managers for individuals with serious mental illnesses, and parole and probation officers to attempt to achieve industry caseload standards. He said the committee will be recommending a bill draft to the Legislative Council regarding electronic monitoring for offenders.

Dakota Women's Correctional Rehabilitation Center

Mr. Colby Braun, Operations Administrator, Dakota Women's Correctional Rehabilitation Center (DWCRC), presented information on the population and remodeling plans for DWCRC. A copy of the information presented is on file in the Legislative Council office. Mr. Braun said DWCRC currently has a capacity of 126 inmates. He said the average population at DWCRC for June, July, and August 2006 was 118 inmates. He said the inmate population on October 4, 2006, was 117 inmates.

Mr. Braun said the final walk-through for the detention cells, orientation unit bathroom, and officer station was completed in May 2006. He said Prairie Industries has been moved to a larger area and employs 15 inmates. He said DWCRC continues to work with Energy Services Group on an audit and proposal to improve the efficiencies of the facility. He said the improvements will be paid for through energy savings attributed to the project. He said DWCRC grant applications for funding for facility improvements were denied.

Mr. Braun said the treatment program includes two separate chemical dependency groups. He said a licensed social worker has been hired to work with these groups. He said the education department recently added a college class through collaboration with Dickinson State University and has three inmates enrolled. He said the education department was awarded an Otto Bremer grant of \$25,000 to improve the lives of the female inmates residing at DWCRC.

Mr. Braun said the medical department has recently had several high-risk cases and has had to staff the infirmary 24 hours per day. He said DWCRC has seen higher costs with the dental program and the pharmacy.

Mr. Braun said DWCRC has delayed its plan to convert the "old convent" into a 50-bed facility. He said DWCRC instead plans to renovate a 1,200-square-foot house on DWCRC property for transitional living for the female inmates.

In response to a question from Representative Carlson, Ms. Leann K. Bertsch, Director, Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation, said nationally female inmates are "overclassified" in the system. She said the department is looking at classifications and programming specific to women. She complimented DWCRC on its gender-specific programming. She said the department can legitimately and safely deal with the growth in the female population in community placement settings. Ms. Bertsch said the department needs the current number of traditional prison beds for females but will be looking at expanding the number of transition beds. She said states that have been aggressively examining their female offender populations have been able to stem the female inmate population growth. She said the department does not need to overbuild traditional prison beds for the female offenders. She said this would be a disservice to female offenders by thinking the traditional beds would have to be filled. She said the department has been approached to participate as a pilot state in receiving technical assistance for a programming track for female offenders. She said the department is interested in participating in the pilot project and is doing work related to the project. Ms. Bertsch said the department has done an analysis of its female offenders and a very small percentage are violent offenders that need traditional prison beds. She said DWCRC needs disciplinary beds as a management tool. She said the female offenders are paroled at a higher percentage and in a shorter time period than the male offenders.

In response to a question from Representative Boehning, Mr. Braun said the convent is not suitable for a visitor center because it is not ADA (Americans with Disabilities Act) compliant. He said the convent would be suitable for transitional housing.

In response to a question from Representative Carlson, Mr. Braun said the contract between DWCRC and the state is for a 10-year period.

In response to a question from Representative Froseth, Mr. Braun said kitchen facilities are an issue that would need to be addressed if the convent was converted to a 50-bed facility. He said the convent would be suitable for laundry services.

North Dakota Association of Counties

Mr. Terry Traynor, Assistant Director, North Dakota Association of Counties, presented information regarding the status of Grade 1 county jails, including information on beds available for state use. A copy of the information presented is on file in the Legislative Council office. Mr. Traynor said there have been significant changes in the availability of county and regional jail space during the 2005-07 biennium. He said since the beginning of the 2005-07 biennium, the North Central Correctional and Rehabilitation Center in Rugby and the new Grand Forks facility have become operational.

Mr. Traynor said the total Grade 1 capacity on October 5, 2006, in county and regional jails is 1,245 jail beds and 40 treatment beds. He said of the 1,245 beds, 100 to 120 beds could be made available for state contract placement among six different facilities. He said approximately 30 of the 100 to 120 beds are already occupied by state inmates. Mr. Traynor said there are three additional jail construction projects expected to be completed by July 1, 2008. He said the new facilities would increase the total capacity to 1,459 beds and the number of beds available for state contract by 85 beds.

In response to a question from Representative Nottestad, Mr. Traynor said the beds available at county and regional jails would be predominantly for male inmate use, but all facilities can take both male and female inmates based on need.

In response to a question from Representative Boehning, Mr. Traynor said the 100 to 120 beds available for state contract use reflect those facilities that are willing and able to take state prisoners.

In response to a question from Representative Carlson, Mr. Krabbenhoft said the number of beds available at the new Grand Forks facility will not affect the Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation outlook on the use of county beds for overflow. He said construction of county jail beds does not change the state's need for additional beds and the Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation cannot make any guarantees related to the number of state prisoners that may be available for county jails. He said services provided in county jails are different than services provided at the State Penitentiary.

Department of Human Services/Morton County Social Services

Ms. Arlene Dura, Director, Food Stamp Program, Department of Human Services, reported on the impact on the food stamp program of participants in Teen Challenge. A copy of the information presented is on file in the Legislative Council office. Ms. Dura

said the department has no means of tracking its caseload by any particular group or facility. She said the department depends on the county offices to identify impacts associated with a local facility. She introduced Mr. Mike Bartholomew, Supervisor, Income Maintenance Unit, Morton County Social Services.

Mr. Bartholomew presented information regarding the impact on Morton County Social Services of residents of Teen Challenge. A copy of the information presented is on file in the Legislative Council office. Mr. Bartholomew said Morton County Social Services was contacted by Teen Challenge staff in October 2005, inquiring about food stamp program eligibility for residents of the Teen Challenge facility. He said the social services office initially received 18 applications from the Teen Challenge residents and approved 2 resident applications. He said the social services office was notified on October 13, 2005, that the Federal Food and Nutrition Service had withdrawn the Teen Challenge application to become an authorized retailer in the food stamp program. He said following this directive, all pending food stamp applications for Teen Challenge residents were denied and the two open cases were closed.

Mr. Bartholomew said the social services office received requests from Teen Challenge residents in February, March, and May 2006 for eye care financial aid. He said the requests for eye care were referred to the Mandan Lions Club. He said the Mandan Lions Club approved one request and denied one request and three individuals were provided eye care by a local optometrist at no charge. He said the Mandan Lions Club subsequently informed the social services office that, due to limited resources, the club would no longer be able to provide eye care services to individuals they consider to be temporary residents.

Mr. Bartholomew said Teen Challenge also contacted Mandan Social Services regarding assistance to Teen Challenge residents for prescription drug purchases. He said Teen Challenge was referred to the West Central Human Service Center to pursue case management for Teen Challenge residents. He said Teen Challenge was also provided with information relating to the prescription assistance program at Medcenter One.

Mr. Bartholomew said Morton County Social Services is currently administering Medicaid cases for three Teen Challenge residents and has three Medicaid applications pending disability determination. He said if Teen Challenge becomes certified as a food stamp program retailer, Morton County Social Services could be administering 150 to 200 additional food stamp cases. He said the additional caseload would have a significant impact on Morton County Social Services due to additional staff requirements, office space, equipment, and support services.

In response to a question from Representative Carlson, Mr. Bartholomew said an individual only has to show voluntary intent to become a resident in order

to receive services through the social services office. He said the social services office would have to determine, on a case-by-case basis, if the Teen Challenge residents intend to become residents of Morton County.

Teen Challenge

Mr. Michael P. Edwards, Executive Director, Teen Challenge, presented information regarding the status of the program. A copy of the information presented is on file in the Legislative Council office. Mr. Edwards said there are over 60 students residing in the program. He said Teen Challenge has a new facility in Bismarck for women and their children. He said there are 100 beds for women and 18 beds for children. He said Teen Challenge is in the process of building a licensed day care in the women's facility. He said the 200-bed facility for men is located in Mandan. He said a licensed addiction counselor has been hired and Teen Challenge will soon be offering a 90-day licensed residential treatment program.

Bill Draft - Board of Nursing Requirements

Senator Lyson presented a bill draft [\[70167.0200\]](#) providing an exemption from nursing requirements for employees within a correctional facility as defined under North Dakota Century Code (NDCC) Section 12-44.1-01. The bill draft also adds a new section to Chapter 12-44.1 relating to training requirements for correctional facility staff who are authorized to provide medication to inmates of a correctional facility. Senator Lyson said the Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation has developed a Medication Administration I course for correctional officers.

Dr. Constance Kalanek, Executive Director, Board of Nursing, said the Board of Nursing has approved the Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation's Medication Administration I course and supports the bill draft presented by Senator Lyson.

Ms. Sharon Moos, Executive Administrator, North Dakota Nurses Association, said the association supports the bill draft presented by Senator Lyson.

Ms. Jennifer S. N. Clark, legal counsel, Legislative Council, provided an explanation of the bill draft to the committee.

In response to a question from Representative Delzer, Ms. Clark said the rules provision on lines 1 and 2 of page 2 of the bill draft are not necessary and could be removed. Ms. Clark also noted that the word "rate" in line 20 of page 1 should be changed to "route".

In response to a question from Representative Delzer, Ms. Clark said the Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation is not included in NDCC Chapter 28-32 and would not need to go through the administrative rules process.

Representative Delzer said the bill draft should be changed to omit lines 1 and 2 on page 2 of the draft and to change the word "rate" in line 20 of page 1 to "route".

It was moved by Representative Delzer, seconded by Senator Nething, and carried on a roll call vote that the bill draft relating to an exemption from nursing requirements for providing medication to inmates be amended to remove reference to the Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation adopting rules addressing the provision of medication to inmates and to change on page 1, line 20, the word "rate" to "route", and the bill draft, as amended, be approved and recommended to the Legislative Council. Representatives Carlson, Boehning, Carlisle, Conrad, DeKrey, Delzer, Froseth, Grande, Kroeber, Metcalf, Nottestad, Thoreson, Weiler, and Wieland and Senators Espgaard, Krauter, Kringstad, Lindaas, Lyson, and Nething voted "aye." No negative votes were cast.

Centre, Inc., Outcome Study

Mr. Keith Gilleshammer, Executive Director, Centre, Inc., reported on the outcome study for the Centre, Inc., facilities in Fargo and Bismarck. A copy of the study is on file in the Legislative Council office. He said the study includes results from entrance questionnaires, exit questionnaires, and a four-month followup questionnaire. He said results from the center in Grand Forks have not been compiled and are not in the study.

Mr. Gilleshammer said the Fargo program had 632 admissions for the period October 1, 2005, through September 30, 2006. He said approximately 82 percent of residents who are released are employed and approximately 89 percent of all residents completed the program successfully. He said the Bismarck program had 111 admissions for the period October 1, 2005, through September 3, 2006. He said approximately 89 percent of the residents who are released are employed and approximately 80 percent of all residents completed the program successfully.

In response to a question from Representative Carlson, Mr. Gilleshammer said the center plans to add approximately 96 beds in Fargo and 25 to 30 beds in Bismarck to meet the needs for community-based treatment. He said there are no plans to establish centers in other communities.

North Central Correctional and Rehabilitation Center

Ms. Elaine Little, Administrator, North Central Correctional and Rehabilitation Center (NCCRC), Rugby, presented information relating to the status of NCCRC. A copy of the information presented is on file in the Legislative Council office. Ms. Little said the facility accepted its first inmates on September 5, 2006. She said the facility has a capacity of 129 beds, 89 of which are in the jail and 40 are in treatment. She said the jail is housing inmates from Pierce, Wells, and McHenry Counties and the city of Rugby. She said the facility is awaiting inmates from the United States Marshal Service. She said the

Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation, Border Patrol, and the Bureau of Prisons have also indicated they will use the NCCRC as needed. She said on the treatment side, the Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation and the United States Probation office are contracting for services. She said currently there are 31 inmates on the treatment side, all from the Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation. She said the NCCRC is considering limiting the treatment side to 30 to 32 inmates because it is difficult to accommodate 40 inmates in the space available.

The committee recessed for lunch at 12:00 noon and reconvened at 1:00 p.m.

Consideration of Bill Drafts

Representative Wieland presented a bill draft [\[70173.0100\]](#) that would provide for construction of a new state correctional facility and related land acquisition at a cost not to exceed \$62,800,000 and for the development of a prison facility master site plan. Representative Wieland said the bill draft is based on a proposal for construction of a new facility at a new location, which he presented at a previous meeting of the committee.

In response to a question from Representative Kerzman, Representative Wieland said Roughrider Industries would either be moved to the new location or inmates would be transported back and forth to the existing facility.

Representative Carlisle said a Burleigh County commissioner has expressed interest in a cost-sharing plan with the state for a new correctional facility that would include a unit for Burleigh County prisoners.

Representative Weiler presented a bill draft [\[70174.0100\]](#) that would provide for an appraisal of State Penitentiary land. Representative Weiler said the appraisal would be necessary if the bill draft for a new correctional facility at a new location is recommended.

Representative Kerzman presented a bill draft [\[70171.0100\]](#) providing for the renovation and expansion of the State Penitentiary at a cost of \$38 million from the general fund. Representative Kerzman said the Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation has already made a considerable investment in the current Penitentiary.

In response to a question from Representative Weiler, Representative Kerzman said the amount of the appropriation is the decision of the committee.

Representative Boehning presented a bill draft [\[70201.0100\]](#) requiring the Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation to issue a request for proposal for the design, construction, and operations and management of a new correctional facility.

In response to a question from Representative Delzer, Representative Boehning said Corrections Corporation of America (CCA) indicated it could submit a proposal in 30 days.

In response to a question from Representative Weiler, Representative Thoreson said he is aware of

two companies, CCA and the GEO Group, that would construct a correctional facility and sell it back to the state.

Mr. Doug Schonert, Burleigh County Commissioner, provided testimony regarding his interest in a cost-sharing plan with the state for a new facility with a unit for Burleigh County prisoners. He said the cost-sharing would result in savings for both entities in the areas of perimeter security, maintenance, food services, and laundry. He said the current Burleigh County facility has a maximum capacity of 130 beds and averaged a population of 100 to 115 inmates in the summer of 2006.

In response to a question from Representative Carlson, Mr. Schonert said he has not asked the remaining Burleigh County commissioners regarding their opinion on a cost-sharing plan with the state.

Senator Krauter said he does not support the bill draft presented by Representative Wieland. He said he feels the costs will exceed \$62.8 million. He said the public will not support a new prison.

Representative Carlisle said he supports Representative Wieland's bill draft. He said the timing is right for long-term prison plans to be made in the 2007 legislative session and the Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation plan only meets the state prison needs until 2014.

Representative DeKrey said he does not support Representative Wieland's bill draft. He said a significant investment has been made in the current Penitentiary.

It was moved by Representative Conrad, seconded by Representative Nottestad, and failed on a roll call vote that the bill draft providing for the construction of a new state correctional facility and related land acquisition be approved and recommended to the Legislative Council. Representatives Carlson, Boehning, Carlisle, Delzer, Grande, Nottestad, Thoreson, Weiler, and Wieland voted "aye." Representatives Conrad, DeKrey, Froseth, and Kerzman and Senators Espgaard, Krauter, Kringstad, Lindaas, Lyson, and Nething voted "nay."

It was moved by Representative Kerzman, seconded by Representative DeKrey, and carried on a roll call vote that the bill draft providing for the renovation and expansion of the State Penitentiary be approved and recommended to the Legislative Council. Representatives Conrad, DeKrey, Froseth, and Kerzman and Senators Espgaard, Krauter, Kringstad, Lindaas, Lyson, and Nething voted "aye." Representatives Carlson, Boehning, Carlisle, Delzer, Grande, Nottestad, Thoreson, Weiler, and Wieland voted "nay."

It was moved by Representative Boehning, seconded by Representative Thoreson, and failed on a roll call vote that the bill draft relating to the Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation issuing a request for proposal for the design, construction, and operation and management of a correctional facility be approved and

recommended to the Legislative Council. Representatives Carlson, Boehning, Delzer, Grande, Thoreson, Weiler, and Wieland and Senator Kringstad voted "aye." Representatives Carlisle, Conrad, DeKrey, Froseth, Kerzman, and Nottestad and Senators Krauter and Lindaas voted "nay."

PERFORMANCE AND ACCOUNTABILITY SYSTEM PILOT PROJECT

Mr. Tom Freier, Deputy Director for Business Support, Department of Transportation, presented information on the use of the agency's performance and accountability system in developing the agency's 2007-09 budget request. A copy of the information presented is on file in the Legislative Council office.

Mr. Freier said the Department of Transportation relies on department processes and customer satisfaction surveys to determine if the department is meeting its performance goals. He said the department uses a performance measures report card to measure customer satisfaction. He said the department's strategic plan outlines the goals, objectives, and action plans used by the department in measuring its performance.

In response to a question from Representative Delzer, Mr. Freier said improvements to highways and application of overlays to increase the thickness of roads have allowed the Department of Transportation to decrease spring load restrictions.

Colonel Bryan Klipfel, Superintendent, Highway Patrol, presented information on the use of the agency's performance and accountability system in developing the agency's 2007-09 budget request. A copy of the information presented is on file in the Legislative Council office.

Colonel Klipfel said the Highway Patrol has a program-based budget with performance measures that were developed in 1995. He said the budget consists of three programs--field operations, the training academy, and administration. He said the department's performance measures include outcome and output measures. He said the 2007-09 budget will include requests relating to increasing the road patrol hours from 302,000 to 326,000 hours, increasing coverage in the Fargo area to 24-hour coverage, increasing northern border-related trooper assignments, increasing academy utilization to 640 classroom days per fiscal year, and providing for an employee equity compensation plan.

In response to a question from Representative Boehning, Colonel Klipfel said the transition from permanent to portable weigh stations has resulted in a decrease in overloads but the cost has remained the same. He said this is due to the roving scales being able to locate the heavier loads that previously had been able to avoid the weigh stations.

In response to a question from Representative Wieland, Colonel Klipfel said staff would need to be increased in order to increase the number of patrol hours.

In response to a question from Senator Lindaas, Colonel Klipfel said the increase in the price of fuel has had a significant impact on the department's budget. He said the department's 2007-09 biennium budget request for fuel will be approximately \$800,000 more than the 2005-07 biennium budget.

Mr. Doug Prchal, Director, Parks and Recreation Department, presented information on the use of the agency's performance and accountability system in developing the agency's 2007-09 budget request. A copy of the information presented is on file in the Legislative Council office.

Mr. Prchal said the Parks and Recreation Department has three primary focus areas--enhance visitor services, stewardship of physical and natural resources, and provide outdoor recreation opportunity. He said the department has three program areas--natural resources, recreation, and administration. He said the department's performance goals for the budget are:

1. Review program/division goals - Public input.
2. Set agency priorities for the biennium.
3. Assess physical/financial asset needs.
4. Review with public.
5. Adjust priorities and assets.
6. Incorporate program measures.
7. Introduce budget plan.

Representative Delzer said a large part of performance budgeting is looking at benchmarks to see where funds should go. He said the Parks and Recreation Department has not shown a relationship between benchmarks and funding.

Representative Carlson said the goal is to ensure the funding is spent in the right place.

In response to a question from Representative Conrad, Mr. Prchal said the department makes monthly reports to the Governor's office. He said visitor surveys and visitor comment cards provide feedback.

In response to a question from Representative Boehning, Mr. Prchal said visitation for the third quarter of 2006 is up approximately 2 percent. He said the number of Canadian visitors has increased by approximately 1 percent and the number of visitors from other states has decreased by approximately 4 percent. He said the number of visitors from North Dakota increased by approximately 4 percent.

COMMITTEE DISCUSSION AND STAFF DIRECTIVES

Chairman Carlson informed the committee this would be Senator Kringstad's last committee meeting. Senator Kringstad is retiring from the legislature. Senator Kringstad received a round of applause.

It was moved by Representative Carlisle, seconded by Representative Thoreson, and carried on a voice vote that the chairman and the staff of the Legislative Council be requested to prepare a report and the bill drafts recommended by the committee and to present the report and

recommended bill drafts to the Legislative Council.

Chairman Carlson adjourned the meeting sine die at 3:40 p.m.

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