

**1999 SENATE APPROPRIATIONS**  
**SB 2020**

1999 SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE MINUTES

BILL/RESOLUTION NO. SB 2020

Senate Appropriations Committee

Conference Committee

Hearing Date 1/15/99

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Committee Clerk Signature <i>Glaudia Anderson</i>			

Minutes:

**SENATOR NETHING:** Opened the hearing on SB 2020, A BILL for an Act to provide an appropriation for defraying the expenses of the state historical society.

**SAMUEL WEGNER:** State Historical Society of North Dakota, Superintendent, to testify in support of SB 2020 (testimony attached) (tape 825-2350).

**SENATOR NETHING:** On page 7, the capital budget requests you indicate in the budget there are capital improvements for 5 of the sites, and then you go on to list your priorities, but you list 6 of them.

**SAMUEL WEGNER:** Two of the priorities are at Chateau de Mores. One is the interpretative center and the second is the water system.

**SENATOR NETHING:** So, 5 and 6 are both included in the executive budget?

**SAMUEL WEGNER:** Yes.

**SENATOR TOMAC:** I have a similar question. On page 7, where you had optional adjustments. It states 4 sites will be closed under the current budget if you don't get these optional adjustments, but then under the capital budget request two of those sites are prioritized and have improvements added to them. Are you closing them? Do you still need the money for capital those improvements?

**SAMUEL WEGNER:** Yes, we do. Under the 95 percent budget, that would close these sites to the public in terms of having staffing available for any interpretation educational programs. The optional adjustments as well as the enhancements under Lewis & Clark would look at improvements to the site anticipating there will be windows for opening to the public. We do have some interpretive centers out there, and we would like to enhance some of these centers.



**SENATOR ST. AUBYN:** On page 7, you talk about your total capital improvements for those sites is \$1,010,900. But, on the budget it shows \$1,130,000. what is the difference?

**DAVE KRABBENHOFT:** (OMB) I believe the difference would be extraordinary repairs.

**SENATOR KRAUTER:** I notice there is road work being done at some of the sites i.e. Fort Buford and Double Ditch. Have you checked into maximizing any highway dollars or other resources other than the general fund?

**SAMUEL WEGNER:** I believe we have. At Fort Buford the road right through the center of the site is abandoned now, and what you have is simply the crown of the road itself. At Double Ditch there has been some discussion with some other agencies. The reason we have to put in the access is that road has dropped down into the Missouri River itself.

**SENATOR TOMAC:** I'm on pages 2 and 3 and wish to compliment the society on its community conversations. However, I am disappointed that land owner relations was not part of their self assessment. I represent a district that has a great historical value, there are a number of archeological sites that have not been sited. I understand the State Historical Society can have a "taking without an "official taking . Meaning you cannot develop that if you find a bone or arrowhead on that land. Are you apprised of the problems this presents? What is the Society's approach?

**SAMUEL WEGNER:** I see that as a common issue in many states. One of the critical issues I did not discuss in the self assessment was that the self study does identify a self preservation ethic which simply says the Society must continue to advocate preservation, dissemination, interpretation, and understanding of ND's history as economically, socially, and culturally value to the state while recognizing the concerns of costs, economic development, and property rights that accompany each decision to preserve and/or replace. There are some federal requirements which have to be carried out. Mitigation has to have some plain common sense.

In the community presentations, we asked the community to give us ideas as to what we should be considering in 3 areas: 1) heritage education, 2) heritage preservation, and 3) heritage tourism. We did not hear much about land issues during those conversations.

**SENATOR LINDAAS:** I don't see anything here about Fort Union. Who is in charge of this?

**SAMUEL WEGNER:** Fort Union is a national historic site, operated by the National Park Service. We are looking at developing a lot of shared initiatives to complement each other's activities. The National Park staff has been working with us as we look at the confluence issue. The confluence of the Yellowstone and Missouri Rivers were important to Lewis & Clark We are trying to complement Fort Buford with Fort Union activities.

**SENATOR ROBINSON:** I'm looking at the yellow sheet, the 97-98 appropriation and the increase to those appropriations of some \$298,000. What was the rationale for that emergency commission action?

**SENATOR NETHING:** Legislative Council will provide that information to us.

**SENATOR BOWMAN:** Last budget session, it seems we had some problems with State Historical Society buildings. How have those problems been addressed?

**SENATOR NETHING:** I think he is talking about a building at the UND campus. I believe that has been resolved.

**SAMUEL WEGNER:** As of January of this year, the State Historical Society did take up the proposal for demolition for Science Hall and approved that proposal. It also asked that UND and the State Board of Higher Education work with us and the Grand Forks Preservation Society to look at all of the buildings there on the campus so we can look at the issue of building status.

**SENATOR ST. AUBYN:** I have seen several issues from Grand Forks that have come up with a feeling of almost obstructionism. I don't know if that has been brought up. There have been things with the cobblestone structures, the old science building, a pedestrian bridge, etc. that have come up. It ends up costing the cities, private owners, the state, more money and there is no obligation to the Historic Society.

**SAMUEL WEGNER:** One of the reasons we decided to conduct the community conversations was to go out and hear what people had to say, and to find out what the perceptions are. Many of the decisions the State Historical Society made prior to my tenure were perceived or received totally differently than the way they were initiated from the Historical Society. My goal is that the perception is clear. We have some mandates, legal requirements in terms of the National Preservation Act of 1966, in terms of other standards under state law that we have to carry out. We also have to make certain people understand what the decision was, and more importantly the obligation falls upon us to get the local community to become part of the process of getting the decision taken care of. In Grand Forks we did hear we were not sensitive enough about where a building ought to come down. Conversely in Fargo we heard people say we were not sensitive enough as to whether buildings remain up.

**SENATOR ST. AUBYN:** Does your agency take into account the costs other entities might incur and there is no financial obligation to the Historical Society? Has that been addressed?

**SAMUEL WEGNER:** The whole process of mitigation has to take that into account. There are certain federal guidelines that have to be followed, but very seldom has the agency simply proclaimed that something can't be done or it will be done irrespective of the cost. Normally it is done through negotiation. Our responsibility is to take care of the historic resources of ND utilizing common sense, realizing you cannot save everything or that it must be saved regardless of the consequences. This is an active part of what we do now when we look at mitigation of properties.

**SENATOR ANDRIST:** Is Riding Rock still one of your historic sites?

**SAMUEL WEGNER:** Yes.

**SENATOR ANDRIST:** It is in my area and has been neglected the past 10 years. I believe something should be done if it is to continue as a historic site.

**SAMUEL WEGNER:** We have to have a cyclical plan. We must determine our priorities. All of our sites will not need staffing, and others may need regular staffing. American Western History draws people like a magnet from all over. They are going to come here, especially with the focus on the Lewis & Clark activities. Lewis & Clark were one component of the strategic struggle for the continent of North America. That ties in the Red River, the Missouri River, virtually every part of the state.

**SENATOR NETHING:** Senator Robinson, we have a response to your earlier question.

**CHET NELSON:** (LC) On October 1997, the Emergency Commission approved some \$20,000 thousand historical records and then another Emergency Commission approved project was \$261,000 for shelving, collections movement, and collections records management system. That was federal funds also. In the budget section report, each request and date approved by the budget section is in your Council report. (tape 4626)

**SENATOR NETHING:** Two years ago, the Legislature put \$200,000 into the Jamestown Courthouse Project. Can you give us an update on that?

**MERL PAAVERUD:** Director of Historic Sites. We worked together with local funding to stabilize the exterior and the roof, and to save that building. We now have a shell that is in very good condition Other landscaping enhancements have also taken place. We're working with the Jamestown community to find uses for interior uses of the building.

**SENATOR NETHING:** Would you please introduce your volunteer board members who are here.

**SAMUEL WEGNER:** Yes. Art Todd, twice past president of the State Historical Board, and John Von Ruden who is secretary of the State Board.

**ART TODD:** State Historical Board, past president to testify in support of SB 2020. (testimony attached) (tape 4980-5915).

**SENATOR BOWMAN:** A few months ago, I was watching a television documentary concerning bones that were discovered to be here long before the Native American culture was. The Corps of Engineers for some unknown reason locked this skeleton up in a vault and took tons and tons of dirt to cover the site where they found this so no one else would do any digging. If a rancher would do something like that, they would receive serious consequences. But, the Corps of Engineers has hidden this from us. I think a historian would want to learn from this when no one else can do that. (end of tape 1, side A).

**CHRIS DILL:** State Historical Society Museum Director. I have read some information regarding this case. The Army Corps of Engineers violated a direct order from a US District Court when they did that. I don't know what the resolution of that matter will be.

**BARBARA KNIGHT:** ND Library Association, President, to testify in support of SB 2020 (testimony attached) (side B 997-190).

**WRITTEN TESTIMONY PRESENTED BY:**

**DEVILS LAKE AREA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE:** Randy Frost, Executive Vice President

**THREE AFFILIATED TRIBES MUSEUM:** Marilyn Hudson, Administrator

**STEELE COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY:** Russell Ford-Dunker, Museum Artistic Director, Local History Council Representative

**NATIONAL BUFFALO MUSEUM:** Donna Zimmerman, Director

**SENATOR NETHING:** Closed the hearing on SB 2020.

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**SENATOR NETHING:** Reopened the hearing on SB 2020

**SENATOR NETHING:** Called for the motion on the amendment to SB 2020.

**SENATOR ANDRIST:** Moved the adoption of the amendments to SB 2020.

**SENATOR ROBINSON:** Seconded the motion.

**ROLL CALL: 14 Yeas; 0 Absent & Not Voting**

**AMENDMENTS CARRIED:**

**SENATOR NETHING:** Called for the motion on the amended bill.

**SENATOR ANDRIST: DO PASS SB 2020 AS AMENDED.**

**SENATOR ROBINSON:** Seconded the amended motion.

**ROLL CALL: Yeas: 14; 0 Absent & Not Voting**

**MOTION CARRIED: DO PASS SB 2020 AS AMENDED**

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**CARRIER:** Senator Andrist

**SENATOR NETHING:** Closed the hearing on SB 2020 (tape 2180)

REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE

SB 2020: Appropriations Committee (Sen. Nething, Chairman) recommends AMENDMENTS AS FOLLOWS and when so amended, recommends DO PASS (14 YEAS, 0 NAYS, 0 ABSENT AND NOT VOTING). SB 2020 was placed on the Sixth order on the calendar.

Page 1, line 10, replace "4,337,656" with "4,299,169"

Page 1, line 13, replace "1,130,735" with "782,735"

Page 1, line 17, replace "8,065,255" with "7,678,768"

Page 1, line 19, replace "7,032,817" with "6,646,330"

Renumber accordingly

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE OF AMENDMENT:

DEPARTMENT 701 - STATE HISTORICAL SOCIETY

SENATE - This amendment makes the following changes:

	EXECUTIVE BUDGET	SENATE CHANGES	SENATE VERSION
Salaries and wages	\$4,337,656	(\$38,487)	\$4,299,169
Operating expenses	908,323		908,323
Equipment	81,244		81,244
Major improvements	1,130,735	(\$348,000)	782,735
Grants	485,559		485,559
Yellowstone-Missouri-Ft. Union Commission	4,727		4,727
Lewis and Clark bicentennial	<u>1,117,011</u>	<u>                    </u>	<u>1,117,011</u>
Total all funds	\$8,065,255	(\$386,487)	\$7,678,768
Less special funds	<u>1,032,438</u>	<u>                    </u>	<u>1,032,438</u>
General fund	\$7,032,817	(\$386,487)	\$6,646,330
FTE	54.00	0.00	54.00

Detail of Senate changes to the executive budget include:

	REDUCE FORT TOTTEN CAPITAL PROJECT <sup>1</sup>	REMOVE GINGRAS CAPITAL PROJECT <sup>2</sup>	REDUCE COMPENSATION PACKAGE TO 2/2	ADJUST HEALTH INSURANCE COST	TOTAL SENATE CHANGES
Salaries and wages			(\$53,883)	\$15,396	(\$38,487)
Operating expenses					
Equipment					
Major improvements	(\$158,000)	(\$190,000)			(348,000)
Grants					
Yellowstone-Missouri-Ft. Union Commission					
Lewis and Clark bicentennial	<u>                    </u>	<u>                    </u>	<u>                    </u>	<u>                    </u>	<u>                    </u>
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FTE	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00

Senate changes narrative:

<sup>1</sup> Reduces funding provided in the executive budget for Fort Totten development projects by \$158,000, from \$508,000 to \$350,000.

<sup>2</sup> Removes the \$190,000 provided in the executive budget for the Gingras Trading Post planning and design.

**1999 HOUSE APPROPRIATIONS**

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1999 HOUSE STANDING COMMITTEE MINUTES

BILL/RESOLUTION NO. SB 2020

House Appropriations Committee  
Education and Environment Division

Conference Committee

Hearing Date March 2, 1999

Tape Number	Side A	Side B	Meter #
1		x	11.0-44.9
Committee Clerk Signature <i>Casey Davis</i>			

Minutes:

**SB 2020 - A bill for an act to provide an appropriation for defraying the expenses of the state historical society.**

**CHAIRMAN WENTZ** opened the hearing.

**1B: 11.0 BILL GOETZ, Governor's Office**, testified in support of the bill, and discussed the importance of the Lewis and Clark Bicentennial and the importance of the historical society.

**1B: 15.0 SAM WEGNER, Superintendent of the State Historical Society**, testified in support of the bill. He discussed their stewardship of the people's past. He also presented the budget. (See testimony.)

**1B: 30.0 REP. CARLSON** asked why federal funds had decreased so significantly and general funds had increased. Mr. Wegner said that they had received a grant of \$291,000 from the Bureau of Reclamation this biennium, and the money would not be available this coming biennium.

**1B: 32.7 ART TODD, Jamestown, Appointed member of State Historical Board**, testified in favor of the bill. (See testimony.)

**1B: 39.1 JOHN VON RUIDEN, Member of the Executive Committee of the State Historical Board**, testified in support of the bill. He quoted Winston Churchill who said "Give us the tools and we will finish the job".

**1B: 41.0 KRISTIE FRIEZE, Director of the ND Lewis and Clark Interpretive Center**, testified in support of the bill. (See testimony.)

**CHAIRMAN WENTZ** closed the hearing.

### General Discussion

- Committee on Committees
- Rules Committee
- Confirmation Hearings
- Delayed Bills Committee
- House Appropriations
- Senate Appropriations
- Other

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1	x		48.1-end
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Committee Clerk Signature <i>Casey Davis</i>			

Minutes:

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**CHAIRMAN WENTZ** opened discussion on SB 2020.

**1A: 49.5 REP. MONSON**, who is working on the Historical Society budget, said he feels the Senate took too much out of this budget. The Senate did not touch Priorities #2 and #3. He asked where the subcommittee feels they should go with this budget. He noted that Rep. Dalrymple targeted them to take quite a bit out of the Lewis and Clark bicentennial area of this budget. Rep. Monson also noted that this area is the only place to really take anything out of the budget.

**1B: 0.0 REP. CARLSON** said he thought the general operating costs were increased. Rep. Monson responded that the Senate had taken out \$348,000 from Priority #1 at Fort Totten, and had completely eliminated Priority #4 at Walhalla. He said that much income is generated at several sights (\$225,000), and hopefully tourism will increase that even more.

**CHAIRMAN WENTZ** closed discussion on SB 2020.

### General Discussion

- Committee on Committees
- Rules Committee
- Confirmation Hearings
- Delayed Bills Committee
- House Appropriations
- Senate Appropriations
- Other

Date March 22, 1999			
Tape Number	Side A	B Side	Meter #
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Committee Clerk Signature <i>Casey Davis</i>			

Minutes:

SB 2020

**CHAIRMAN WENTZ** opened discussion on SB 2020.

**1A: 24.1 REP. MONSON** explained two sets of amendments he had drawn up, amendments 0202 and 0203.

**1A: 38.0 Discussion** followed regarding the issue of jackpotting line items together, as was proposed in amendments 0202.

**1A: 40.2 REP. AARSVOLD** expressed his concern with jackpotting the budget for an agency that is not headed by an elected official. By jackpotting they are removing their opportunity to review their budget, priorities, and request. The committee has the obligation to provide some oversight of the budget line items. He said he would oppose amendments 0202 for these reasons.

**1A: 42.9 REP. MONSON** said that the agency did sit down and examine the budget. The board is elected, and is therefore responsible to the people. He recognized that there would be others in the full committee who feel as Rep. Aarsvold did.

**1A: 44.4 REP. NICHOLS** noted that the subcommittee has pinpointed areas where they need to wait. He said they need to establish the way things are done and stick with it.

**1A: 46.0 REP. MONSON** said that he does not prefer one or the other of the amendments. He noted that amendments 0203 is traditional instead of jackpotting. He said that more people would support 0203.

**1A: 46.8 REP. MONSON** made a motion to adopt 0203 to SB 2020. The motion was seconded by Rep. Carlson. A voice vote was taken and the motion carried.

**1A: 48.0 REP. MIKE BRANDENBURG** appeared before the committee to explain his proposed amendment 0201. The amendment provides for the transfer of lands from the State Historical Board to Whitestone Battlefield

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historical society. He said that the citizens of the area have not been allowed to set up concession stands on the battlefield area during events.

**1B: 4.6 SENATOR TIM FLAKOLL** appeared before the committee to support amendment 0201.

**1B: 6.1 REP. NICHOLS** asked if the local historical society owns some of the land and the state owns the rest. Senator Flakoll replied that he believes the state owns it. To his knowledge the local historical society does not have its name on any land.

**1B: 7.7 SAM WEGNER, State Historical Society**, appeared before the committee in opposition to the proposed amendment 0201. He said that this battlefield is a site of recognized state historical importance and it is the largest battlefield in the state. He noted that there are no historical structures on the property. He said that he is very troubled by the amendment for several reasons. First, the State Historical Society had not been approached about the issue or the proposed amendment. Second, he questioned the necessity of owning a parcel of land just to set up a concessions stand. Third, he questioned the issue of parceling out pieces of land. If a section is parceled out for that local historical society, it will lead to other requesting the same. He said that the State Historical Society needs an active partnership with local historical societies instead of deeding over the assets of the state. In regards to the selling of food at this site, he said that the manner in which they were going to serve the concessions was contrary to public health laws.

**1B 13.5 REP. MONSON** asked if the State Historical Society was open to the idea of a small event lease, instead of selling or transferring land. Mr. Wegner replied that they do this all the time. They do not use a lease, but just a written agreement.

**1B: 14.9 REP. AARSVOLD** asked how many acres the battlefield covers. Mr. Wegner said that the historical site is approximately 200 acres. The parcel of land being discussed is an acre or less.

**1B: 15.8 REP. LLOYD** how agreements specific to concessions are handled between the state and local organizations. Mr. Wegner replied that the agreement states what can and cannot be done. For example, the agreement states that no alcoholic beverages are to be sold.

**1B: 19.7 SENATOR FLAKOLL** said he did not think the amendment was a bad deal. The intent of the surrounding community is not to go contrary to any laws.

**1B: 22.0 REP. WENTZ** noted that the Friends of Fort Union and Fort Buford are able to work with the historical society without owning a piece of land, and she asked why this cannot be done at the Whitestone Battlefield. Senator Flakoll replied that it is shortsighted to think that things can work the same way for everybody. He said they are now prohibited from selling trinkets and food, and they are limited on what type of entertainment can be held there. This amendment would expand the scope of what they now do.

**1B: 26.0 MR. WEGNER** stated that perception is everything. In regards to the fundraisers and entertainment, the State Historical Society does not have a problem with anything the preserves and promotes the history of the site.

**1B: 29.5 REP. CARLSON** said that this issue should be left to be settled by the historical society.

**1B: 30.4 REP. MONSON** made a motion for a Do Pass as amended. The motion was seconded by Rep. Nichols. A roll call vote was taken and the motion carried with 7 yeas and 0 nays. Rep. Monson will carry the bill to the full committee.

## General Discussion

- Committee on Committees
- Rules Committee
- Confirmation Hearings
- Delayed Bills Committee
- House Appropriations
- Senate Appropriations
- Other

Date March 24, 1999			
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1	x		0-13.0
Committee Clerk Signature <i>Roxanne Kone</i>			

Minutes:

Chairman Dalrymple opened the discussion on Senate Bill 2020.

**1A: Rep. Monson** presented amendment 98042.0203 to the committee: explanation of amendment and overall reductions to budget. No removal of FTEs but there are two vacant positions that the Historical Society is in the process of interviewing to fill. Rep. Monson moved to adopt the amendments. Rep. Wentz 2nd the motion.

**1A: 6.8 Rep. Wentz** asked if this was still an increase over the current biennium. Rep. Monson replied yes. Still a \$900,000 increase from two years ago.

**1A: 7.7** On a Voice Vote the motion carried to adopt the amendments.

**1A: 8.0 Rep. Dalrymple** presented an additional amendment regarding the Emergency Commission for a transfer of funds: \$4900.00 This money does not involve general funds. Rep. Wentz moved to adopt the amendment. Rep. Monson 2nd the motion. On a Voice Vote the amendments were adopted. Rep. Monson moved for a DO PASS AS AMENDED. Rep. Wentz 2nd the motion. On a Roll Call Vote the motion carried. 17 voting Yes, 3 voting No  
Carrier: Rep. Monson

PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO ENGROSSED SENATE BILL NO. 2020

Page 1, line 2, after "society" insert "; and to authorize the state historical board to convey certain land in Dickey County, North Dakota"

Page 1, after line 19, insert:

**"SECTION 2. TRANSFER OF LAND AUTHORIZED.**

1. The state historical board shall convey to the Whitestone Battlefield historical society land owned by the state which is located in the northwest quarter (NW 1/4) of section seventeen (17), township one hundred thirty-one (131) north, range sixty-five (65) west, Dickey County, North Dakota, more generally described as that portion of the Whitestone Hill Battlefield state historic site consisting of the area north of the house and creek running east from the north-south road through the park to the latrines.
2. The superintendent of the state historical society shall cause a survey of the property to be transferred to be made to determine the legal description of the property.
3. The conveyance authorized by this section is exempt from the provisions of sections 54-01-05.2 and 54-01-05.5.
4. The attorney general shall review and approve as to form and legality all legal documents required for the conveyance authorized by this section, including title opinions."

Renumber accordingly

PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO ENGROSSED SENATE BILL NO. 2020

Page 1, replace lines 10 through 16 with:

"Historical society operations \$7,203,102"

Page 1, line 17, replace "7,678,768" with "7,203,102"

Page 1, line 19, replace "6,646,330" with "6,170,664"

Renumber accordingly

**STATEMENT OF PURPOSE OF AMENDMENT:**

DEPARTMENT 701 - STATE HISTORICAL SOCIETY

HOUSE - This amendment makes the following changes:

	EXECUTIVE BUDGET	SENATE VERSION	HOUSE CHANGES	HOUSE VERSION
Salaries and wages	\$4,337,656	\$4,299,169	(\$4,229,169)	
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Equipment	81,244	81,244	(81,244)	
Major improvements	1,130,735	782,735	(782,735)	
Grants	485,559	485,559	(485,559)	
Yellow-Missouri- Ft. Union Comm.	4,727	4,727	(4,727)	
Lewis and Clark bicentennial Historical Society operations	1,117,011	1,117,011	(1,117,011)	
			<u>7,203,102</u>	<u>\$7,203,102</u>
Total all funds	\$8,065,255	\$7,678,768	(\$475,666)	\$7,203,102
Less special funds	<u>1,032,438</u>	<u>1,032,438</u>		<u>1,032,438</u>
General fund	\$7,032,817	\$6,646,330	(\$475,666)	\$6,170,664
FTE	54.00	54.00	0.00	54.00

Detail of House changes to the Senate version includes:

	REDUCE LEWIS AND CLARK FUNDING	COMBINE INTO ONE LINE ITEM <sup>2</sup>	TOTAL HOUSE CHANGES
Salaries and wages		(\$4,299,169)	(\$4,299,169)
Operating expenses		(908,323)	(908,323)
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Major improvements		(782,735)	(782,735)
Grants		(485,559)	(485,559)
Yellow-Missouri- Ft. Union Comm.		(4,727)	(4,727)
Lewis and Clark bicentennial Historical Society operations	(\$475,666) <sup>1</sup>	(641,345)	(1,117,011)
		<u>7,203,102</u>	<u>7,203,102</u>
Total all funds	(\$475,666)	\$0	(\$475,666)
Less special funds			
General fund	(\$475,666)	\$0	(\$475,666)
FTE	0.00	0.00	0.00

House changes narrative:

<sup>1</sup> Funding for the Lewis and Clark bicentennial event is reduced by \$475,666 from the general fund. The Historical Society may determine the specific areas of reduction.

<sup>2</sup> The specific line item appropriations for the agency are removed and funding is provided as a lump sum appropriation.



PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO ENGROSSED SENATE BILL NO. 2020

Page 1, line 2, after "society" insert "; to provide for line item transfers for the 1997-99 biennium; and to declare an emergency"

Page 1, line 16, replace "1,117,011" with "641,345"

Page 1, line 17, replace "7,678,768" with "7,203,102"

Page 1, line 19, replace "6,646,330" with "6,170,664"

Page 1, after line 19, insert:

**"SECTION 2. LINE ITEM TRANSFERS - 1997-99 BIENNIUM.** Notwithstanding section 54-16-04, the director of the office of management and budget and the state treasurer, at the request of the superintendent of the state historical society, shall transfer \$34,886 from the equipment line item contained in subdivision 1 of section 1 of chapter 22 of the 1997 Session Laws to the operating expenses line item contained in subdivision 1 of section 1 of chapter 22 of the 1997 Session Laws. The authority to make this transfer begins with the effective date of this Act and ends on June 30, 1999.

**SECTION 3. APPROPRIATION.** There is hereby appropriated the sum of \$4,900 of federal funds available to the state historical society for the purpose of purchasing equipment for the period beginning with the effective date of this Act and ending June 30, 1999.

**SECTION 4. EMERGENCY.** Sections 2 and 3 of this Act are declared to be an emergency measure."

Renumber accordingly

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PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO ENGROSSED SENATE BILL NO. 2020

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Renumber accordingly

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House Appropriations Committee

Subcommittee on Education and Environment  
or  
 Conference Committee

Legislative Council Amendment Number 0203

Action Taken Do Pass - as amended

Motion Made By Monson Seconded By Nichols

Representatives	Yes	No	Representatives	Yes	No
Chairperson Janet Wentz	✓				
Vice Chairman Ed Lloyd	✓				
Rep. Ole Aarsvold	✓				
Rep. James Boehm	✓				
Rep. Al Carlson	✓				
Rep. David Monson	✓				
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Total (Yes) 7 No 0

Absent \_\_\_\_\_

Floor Assignment Monson to full Committee

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

Date: 3/24  
Roll Call Vote #: 1

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Motion Made By MONSON Seconded By Wentz

Representatives	Yes	No	Representatives	Yes	No
Chairman Dalrymple	✓		Nichols	✓	
Vice-Chairman Byerly		✓	Poolman	✓	
Aarsvold	✓		Svedjan	✓	
Bernstein	✓		Timm	✓	
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Carlson	✓		Wentz	✓	
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Delzer	✓				
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Huether	✓				
Kerzman		✓			
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Total (Yes) 17 No 3

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Floor Assignment Rep. Monson

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**REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE**

SB 2020, as engrossed: Appropriations Committee (Rep. Dalrymple, Chairman) recommends **AMENDMENTS AS FOLLOWS** and when so amended, recommends **DO PASS** (17 YEAS, 3 NAYS, 0 ABSENT AND NOT VOTING). Engrossed SB 2020 was placed on the Sixth order on the calendar.

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1999 SENATE APPROPRIATIONS

CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

SB 2020



1999 SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE MINUTES

BILL/RESOLUTION NO. ENGROSSED SB 2020C

Senate Appropriations Committee

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Hearing Date 4/6/99; 4/7/99, 4/8/99; 4/9/99; 4/10/99; 4/12/99; 4/14/99; 4/15/99

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Minutes:

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**SENATOR ANDRIST:** Opened the conference committee on engrossed SB 2020.

**ROLL CALL:** Present: Senators Andrist, Grindberg, Lindaas; Representatives Monson, Boehm, Aarsvold.

**SENATOR ANDRIST:** We used a single-minded approach in the Senate. The same subcommittee served on Parks and Rec, Tourism, and the Historical Society bills. We are focusing on the infrastructure during this biennium with marketing to follow in the next biennium. We removed \$800,000 from the 3 budgets. However, most of the money we took out was not from Lewis & Clark (L&C). We took one-half million dollars out of the Tourism Budget for L&C.

**REP. MONSON:** The House took out some of the major improvements at Fort Buford, \$266,900 from the L&C Heritage Center Frontier Exhibit. We felt there was some stuff there now about L&C. We felt we could wait to redo that during the next biennium. We also took out interpretive things at the various sites. We felt some of those services weren't needed until later. The House removed a total of \$475,666 from the Senate budget.

**SENATOR ANDRIST:** Were you looking for ways to be thrifty, or did you have a specific target?

**REP. MONSON:** We were given a target by our Appropriations Chairman. We did not treat each of these as one group. Our committee worked only on the Historical Society. We targeted those things we felt could be put off for 2 years.

**SENATOR ANDRIST:** Sam Wegner, State Historical Society Director, thought the \$266,000 was a high priority for the State Historical Building Exhibit development, so we instead took out the Gingras Trading Post. We'll probably have to look at cutting into the \$266,000 item.

**SAM WEGNER:** State Historical Society Director. We want to update the Frontier Exhibit which covers the 1790-1850's era in the Heritage Center. We want to professionally contract to have a "face lift" done to those exhibits that have been there over 10 years. The contract figures are based on the fees that were charged to do Pembina and the L&C Center at Washburn. We are looking at over \$100/square foot, and that is not an inflated figure.

**REP. MONSON:** How many square feet do you have now and how many do you plan to have for this L&C exhibit?

**WEGNER:** The Frontier area is about 25% of our of permanent galleries. It is not all L&C. It addresses that entire area. You're looking at integrating the L&C story, the core of discovery and the impact into several different exhibits all the way around. The exhibit would be 3-dimensional. It doesn't calculate down to this many square feet now, compared to this many square feet later on.

**SENATOR ANDRIST:** Have you explored other resources, i.e. foundation moneys? The L&C Interpretive Center has been able to tap into outside money. It occurs to me, maybe this should be our L&C Museum if they can find the money.

**WEGNER:** The L&C experience in ND is so rich, I don't think we can afford to have only one. The L&C Interpretive Center in Washburn addresses one of the most pivotal areas and that is the middle Missouri and the Fort Mandan area. The other story that has to be told is from the SD line clear up to the confluence. That can be effectively told in a place where people can come for information on the entire state such as the ND Heritage Center. The funding the general assembly is looking at for the Washburn Center is being matched with an \$800,000 T21 Grant. They have to raise \$200,000-\$300,000. They're adding on a wing. We are going to provide the oversight, the intellectual control of that particular project. They don't have another source of funding and historically that is how they've raised their money. Now they have a track record. Our foundation is in its infancy. It was created to help build the ND Heritage Center, and has gone through some challenges, and only now is beginning to redefine its mission. We are not in a position to raise that many dollars in that time frame.

**SENATOR ANDRIST:** To clarify for the committee, the building addition we've approved for the L&C Center is not a museum addition, it is a small auditorium and enhancement to the gift shop more than exhibit space.

**SENATOR ANDRIST:** If you had half as much money, what could you do with it?

**WEGNER:** If we received half as much money, I would rather not do the project. I would rather wait and find the money in order to do it right the first time.

**REP BOEHM:** How long would you leave the exhibit up?

**WEGNER:** We would leave it up through the next decade, or until we had enough money to completely redo that area.

**REP. MONSON:** You said you'd already seen 10,000 additional visitors. We felt increased traffic would bring in additional dollars. Is that logical?

**WEGNER:** I think it is and I hope it is. Public interest in L&C is very high. And, every time Public TV plays *Undaunted Courage*, there are more inquiries and traffic. The 10,000 you talk about dates back about 2 years and occurred at Fort Clark, where we used to have an on-site supervisor. We don't have that position anymore-that was eliminated before I got here. It is a minimal experience. It went in one summer from 1,500-10,000 people, timed to about the time of *Undaunted Courage*.

**SENATOR ANDRIST:** What is your thinking about an admission fee?

**WEGNER:** The Heritage Center never was intended to have a fee charged. The building would have to be changed to provide for public meeting space, additional staff would have to be added, and a way would have to be designed to move people through as paying public. However, I wouldn't rule that out. But, would you charge North Dakotans who have paid the taxes to support the Center?

**REP MONSON:** Do you provide opportunities for the public to give money to the Center when they are there?

**WEGNER:** The last thing you see when you leave the Center, is a sign encouraging people to give. However, we are cognizant of not overdoing that aspect.

**REP. MONSON:** How much do you take in from donations?

**WEGNER:** Probably less than \$10,000.

**REP. AARSVOLD:** What is the source of the income listed in the budget at \$1,032,438?

**WEGNER:** That is federal dollars we get to operate the state historic preservation program. We get about \$200,000 in admission fees at our State Historic site, only some of them. The Chateau de Mores is one, Fort Totten, Fort Buford, and Fort Abercrombie. We spent about \$250,000 in seasonal salaries to keep those places open.

**SENATOR ANDRIST:** Refresh us, if you will about the \$132,000 in the Fort Buford complex.

**WEGNER:** There is \$30,000 identified for pit toilets for the Confluence Park. Some of you may be aware that the Society has received a \$1M grant to construct a new visitor center for the Confluence Park. That will not come on line until about 2003. The other \$100,000 is to remove a modern road bed that goes right down the middle of the Fort Buford Historic site itself. It used to be the original main access to the site since the 1930's. The road bed remains, and needs to be removed. The other part would restore the interior of the Officer of the Day quarters. There are only 3 known buildings left from the Fort's history.

**SENATOR LINDAAS:** I would like to look at the 3 budgets again together, and coordinate them in that way.

**SENATOR GRINDBERG:** We need to coordinate these 3 budgets to make it the best. If we are going to market the state, we have to have something to show off.

**REP. MONSON:** We felt that any new people coming into the state will probably not have seen the exhibits at the Heritage Center. They may not be as impressive as if we put \$266,000 into that, to anyone even those having seen it many times, there are many things to focus on. We don't have to be ashamed of the Heritage Center.

**SENATOR ANDRIST:** Museums often charge, and we need to explore that. Mr. Wegner, will you find out if legislative authorizations is necessary.

**SENATOR LINDAAS:** I disagree with you. I don't think we should charge an admission fee.

**REP AARSVOLD:** The Confluence area has multiple uses. Are we bringing all the entities of support together?

**WEGNER:** The \$1M T21 grant is being matched by \$200,000 that has been pledged by the Williston community, \$50,000 by the Friends of Fort Union and Fort Buford. We're also working very effectively with the National Parks and just secured \$30,000 in planning grants from them. There is a lot of enthusiasm out there. We're beginning to talk to US Fish & Wildlife in terms of how can we interpret the Missouri and Confluence area as an environmental phenomenon as well as the natural resources, including paddlefish. The Water District has also expressed an interest. The total project which is the visitor center of about 6,000 sq. ft. We've constructed an 1870's barracks that is going to be manned by the 6th Infantry which is a living history group. The total project is going to be about \$3.3M. We're about 1/3 of the way there. The Confluence Commission which is chaired by the Lieut. Governor has made this a major commitment. We're also talking to the Congressional delegation to try to pull this whole area together into a "Confluence Heritage Area" that looks at financial economic tourism opportunities. There is tremendous potential here.

**SENATOR ANDRIST:** Recessed the conference commission.

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**SENATOR ANDRIST:** Reopened the conference committee on SB 2020.

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**ROLL CALL:** Present: Senators Andrist, Grindberg, Lindaas; Representatives Monson, Boehm, Aarsvold.

**SENATOR ANDRIST:** I'd like to present my position, and then invite you to counter if you want. We approached the Parks, Tourism, and Historical Society Lewis & Clark (L&C) projects as a group. We took out as much funding as we could. We took about \$8-900,000 out. Most of these cuts from the Historical Society. They wanted badly to keep the L&C Heritage Center Exhibit. They gave up some other significant capital spending projects. Originally we took between \$2-300,000 out of the Historical Society budget. Since then we've resolved Parks and Recreation budget. We essentially acceded to the House amendments which cut another \$129,800 out of them. You added to the Tourism budget, and we intend to take some of that out. I would like very much to hold this L&C funding in the Historical Society budget. I think we've done really good work looking at these things. (tape 2, A, 180)

**REP. MONSON:** We didn't look at all 3 of them as one package. We went down the Historical Society's list. You are correct in saying they really didn't want to give up that exhibit at the Heritage Center for \$266,900. The rest of them are not that terribly necessary - \$30,000 for the toilets at Fort Buford, \$100,000 to remove this road that has been there since the '30s - we would like to leave off the table and out of the project for now. After the session yesterday, Rep. Boehm and myself talked a little bit with Sam Wegner. They haven't started any planning. They haven't even begun that project. They should really do some planning before they go too far. They wanted to have that money promised to them before they start the planning. I think they could start planning and have an idea of what they want to do before they have to have that money. I'm sure that 2 years from now, we're going to be sitting here and giving them that money and much more because we will be closer to L&C Centennial. I think the \$266,000+ for that Heritage Center is probably not all necessary at this point.

**SENATOR ANDRIST:** Rep. Monson, we did have testimony. They know it will take some time for the planning process for that exhibit. That is why they think it is so important. They simply aren't going to have it for the L&C if they don't get the funding this session. I would be reluctant to give it to them the next session, at least if it is a L&C focus. I think the time is now if we're going to do it. As far as Fort Buford is concerned, this is core to L&C funding. That's the very highest priority, I think, for me on the Historical Society budget. We've taken so much out of these budgets, we really are ending up not doing anything for L&C.

**REP. BOEHM:** I talked to Sam, too, afterwards. The cities that are going to be affected should help a little bit, too. Bismarck/Mandan in the L&C area is going to benefit. They've got that hotel/restaurant tax. We are wondering why they don't help on these projects more than they do. Bismarck/Mandan will stand to gain a lot more than Fargo, Grand Forks, and others. I wonder what the effort has been in that area. I think they should approach the area Chambers to get part of that funding.

**SENATOR ANDRIST:** I think that's a good message to send them. I discussed the same thing with Wegner the first go-round. He says he hopes to get at that kind of work. He's pretty new on the job. I think he's been there less than a year.



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**SENATOR LINDAAS:** The \$266,000+, I think part of that money is the planning. I think that is the package where the architects, so to speak, would come in and look at the thing and come up with a design, etc. I think that some of the ground work should be laid that we talked about before.

**SENATOR ANDRIST:** I really questioned the amount of money. I visited with Wegner with the amount twice. The first time Wegner just defended the amount; the second time he confided that the cost to really do that thing would be closer to \$500,000. We're thinking of really not doing it and coming back to the next biennium. My thinking is we should give him the money and tell him that if he intends to do more than that, he'd better plan to find some private purse strings, as Rep. Boehm has suggested. I'm not going to be very friendly to give additional money 2 years from now. I feel we're going to, or whoever is back here, is going to have a tougher budget to deal with than we did this year.

**REP. AARSVOLD:** I had a call yesterday from one of the members of the Board of the Historical Society. They were of the opinion after talking amongst themselves and then with Mr. Wegner, they would be content with an amount somewhat less than \$266,000, if we were to include some language making it clear this was intended as a planning effort, a drafting effort, in terms of the thrust of the new display area. The amount suggested by that board members was \$150,000, but they would want the language to accompany that to make it clear that this was intended as a preliminary effort and that there would be augmentation money put in the next biennium, realizing that we can't speak for the legislative assembly. (tape 2, A, 730)

**SENATOR ANDRIST:** I'd be disappointed if they spent \$150,000 to just *plan* the exhibit. They ought to be able to plan it a whole lot cheaper than that. Based on what Wegner said yesterday, I'm not so sure he'd been in touch with whoever the board member was.

**REP. MONSON:** Wegner said it takes 3 years to get this whole exhibit put together, and they haven't started the planning process yet. If they get started with the planning, they wouldn't need the whole \$266,000 now because it's going to be used over a 3-year period to put it together. As long as he's assured it will be a top priority to finish the project, if they get part of that money--I agree with you Senator Andrist, \$150,000 just for planning is too much, I was thinking more in the neighborhood of \$100,000 to get them started on the planning. And, 2 years from now come back and get everything they need to finish the project during the next biennium. By the end of that biennium they would have it. If we're going to spend \$150,000 just for planning, that doesn't leave much left to finish the project. I think it should be a quality project. There is nothing about the Heritage Center that we have to be ashamed of. I don't think there is anything in there that will turn anybody off. If they've never been to ND before and they see the exhibits that are there they will be impressed enough so they will tell their friends that ND has something happening, there's good stuff to see, and it's free. They're really gearing up for the 2003 bicentennial. I think if we give them \$100,000 to get started with their planning, get all of their stuff laid off, and they're going to do most of this, I believe, with existing staff, and in house.

**SENATOR ANDRIST:** Not according to Wegner's testimony. His testimony was that they didn't have the staff to do it in house, they had to contract for it. He said the typical contract price is about \$100/square foot. This kind of alarmed me as they are looking at a 5,000 square foot

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area which means ultimately they would have to put a half a million dollars in. I assumed when he said that it incorporated everything from the planning to the completion of the project. But, even so it stuck in my throat - spending \$100/sq. ft. That's why I was wanting to say, okay, we'll give you the quarter of a million, but you'd better get it done on that or find some other place for the money, don't come back to us.

**REP. BOEHM:** I agree we will have a tougher time coming up with these continuing budgets. This is all new money for L&C - over \$1M we've never had before.

**SENATOR ANDRIST:** When we started on these budgets on our side, we did carve out some other spending. We tried to protect the L&C money, other than the marketing money, which is half of the total. What about programming funds? There is about \$60,000 taken out of programming funds. How do you rate that priority funds to the Frontier Exhibit?

**REP. AARSVOLD:** Can someone fill me in on the Governor's Conference of History?

**SENATOR ANDRIST:** I don't have a strong recollection, I don't remember examining them on most of these programming things. He had a 1-sentence explanation on some of them. Most of them were program activities which we thought were designed to fire up different segments within the state to get ready for L&C rather than direct L&C. My thinking is that if we were going to do any compromising, it would be easy for me to compromise on some of those items.

**SENATOR GRINDBERG:** I move that the House accede to the Senate and further amend that we would fund \$375,656 of general I fund money, and include language that \$166,900 would be general fund money for the exhibit, contingent upon them raising \$100,000. (In essence they would have to raise \$100,000 to do the exhibit, to do the \$202,066 and we'd allow them to do the rest of the things so the private sector would come to the table.) I think there are those who are lovers of history that would contribute to this.

**SENATOR LINDAAS:** Seconded the motion.

**REP. MONSON:** To clarify, that would be \$375,666 put back in, so in other words it would be \$100,000 less?

**SENATOR GRINDBERG:** Yes.

**REP. MONSON:** I see a lot of these programming funds for brochures, etc. as being able to be paid for from profits from their gift shop. They do make a profit on some of those. That is all special funds, it is not in the budget anywhere. They keep the profits and use them for printing, etc. I would say all of these handbooks, brochures, are things they have the ability to use their profits from the gift shop for things like that. I don't think we have to fund those.

**SENATOR GRINDBERG:** I would assume those profits are going into normal operations, and what they're talking about here is something above normal operations. Without looking at a financial statement to see how much revenue they make off that, I would make the assumption that is used for normal overhead that is not included in the L&C initiative.

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**REP. MONSON:** It seemed to me they said they don't make a lot of money off that, they don't intend to. But, the profits they do make when they sell those things they turn around and put that back into other pamphlets, brochures, books, other things they sell. There is a profit margin, I don't recall the exact amount, but it was a substantial amount of money.

**REP. AARSVOLD:** I recall when I worked on this budget during the last session, some discussion relative to the Friends of the Museum or the auxiliary group. They are somehow involved in that gift store. My thought is that those dollars are in fact collected by them for maintenance of their services to the museum. But, that's 24 months ago.

**DAVE KRABBENHOFT: OMB** The concession fund which is the revenues off some specific sites where they charge and the glass box over in the Heritage Center has \$750,000. And, as Senator Grindberg pointed out, they have those funds budgeted in their budget because it has a continuing appropriation. They are paying seasonal salaries out of that with the various sites, and they've got their regular printing of education materials which they fund out of that also, plus replenishing the inventory at the various sites.

**SENATOR ANDRIST:** Could we be any closer to resolution if we accepted Senator Grindberg's motion. There is about \$66,000 in these programming moneys, if we cut that in half, and let them prioritize that?

**REP. MONSON:** I would still resist that. I would say something in the neighborhood of \$100,000 for that planning. I don't think the removal of that road at Fort Buford is a priority. It's been there for 60 years. I've been to Fort Buford, and I don't feel it distracts very much. \$30,000 for 2 outdoor toilets just boggles my mind. They've had chemical toilets there and they're not that impressive either. I'm not in favor of \$130,000 for 2 toilets and to remove a road that's been there for 60 years. I'm not a trained historian, but as a tourist so there's a road down the center of Ford Buford that has a bump in the middle. It doesn't look out of place to me. Yes, they want to get it back to the way it was, but I would resist that.

**SENATOR ANDRIST:** It is an unused road, and it cuts right through the middle of their property. It does pretty much destroy the aesthetics of the restoration effort. How much of that \$100,000 is going toward removing the road, I don't know, but there is other work involved in that \$100,000. There's work on the interior of the officer of the day building. Nearby is the Fort Union complex. I don't know if there ever was any state funds in that. That was sort of the Williston area's project. (tape 2, A, 2101)

**REP. MONSON:** The Friends of Fort Union and Fort Buford raise a lot of money on their own. I think they can probably pay for a lot of these kinds of things out of their funds they raised locally. I'm sure they would like help from us. But, this building is not in danger. If it isn't fixed up, it isn't going to crumble or rot. The exterior is good. This is to fix up the interior as I understand. The removal of the road, there was some background stuff they had to do. I think they had \$80,000, if I'm not mistaken, in another part of the budget that we left intact for them to do the archeological study because before they start turning any kind of dirt, they have to get in and make sure they aren't going too deep. They would have to do some archeological work



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before they can start this. I believe we left this intact for them. I think some of this premature, they want the whole ball of wax right now. But, before they even touch that road they have to do some archeological work. We left that intact for them. To me to go ahead with that \$130,000 for Fort Buford, I'm not in favor of that.

**SENATOR LINDAAS:** Back to the Heritage Center, is that put out on a competitive bid basis?

**SENATOR ANDRIST:** Wegner talked about contracting. I'm assuming it probably isn't real competitive because there are probably a limited number of companies that do this type of contracting. I suppose they're buying the reputation of the company that puts this together. My concern is that we're on the verge of disassembling all of the L&C package. I don't think we're close to resolving this.

**REP BOEHM:** Do they have the option within their budget to move things back and forth from line item to line item?

**ALLEN KNUDSON: (LC)** Within the L&C line item they can move the moneys around, but between operating and ??? they need approval.

**REP MONSON:** When we were doing this in our committee, we had 2 sets of amendments drafted. In one of those sets of amendments, we rolled their whole budget into 1-line item which gave them total flexibility to do whatever they wanted within that budget. It didn't fly in our appropriation's committee, but in our subcommittee it was quite favorable, and Sam thought that was a good idea, too. I think Sam was comfortable with that. We were quite favorable for that. I trusted Sam to use his best judgment to do what he needed to do. I wouldn't be against giving him that flexibility if we can sell it to the whole Senate and House, I don't know. To roll his whole budget, operating and everything, into one would, to me, be an option.

**SENATOR ANDRIST:** Called for the motion presented by Senator Grindberg which in effect take \$100,000 out of the L&C Frontier exhibit, and changes that item to \$166,900, provided they find the other \$100,000 in private funds, and to accede to the Senate amendments.

**ROLL CALL:** 3 yeas; 3 nays

**MOTION FAILED**

Yeas: Senators Andrist, Grindberg, Lindaas

Nays: Representatives Monson, Boehm, Aarsvold

**SENATOR ANDRIST:** I saw this as a compromise proposal, and I don't see that \$100,000 as a starting point at the next meeting. I would like to see some alternatives from your side to protect as much L&C funding as we can. We feel we've cut pretty steeply. We intend to take another \$100,000 from L&C funding for marketing. We've acceded cutting \$130,000 from Parks & Recreation. We just don't like to shred the whole thing.

**REP. MONSON:** They had \$1.117M new money in this budget for L&C. Our House removed approximately one-third of that, and left them with \$641,345 which is still a substantial amount

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of new money. I really would like you to consider rolling this into one and visiting with Sam and get his opinion on that. If we roll that into one big line item, might be food for thought.

**SENATOR ANDRIST:** Would you like me to visit with Sam on that?

**REP. MONSON:** We already have talked to him about that. I think, from what he told us in our subcommittee, he would be quite willing to do that. Maybe it would be beneficial if you Senators would look at that as an option.

**REP. BOEHM:** I think that is a good idea because it would give him the flexibility to do what he thought was really important.

**SENATOR ANDRIST:** The committee is recessed until possibly tomorrow.

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**SENATOR ANDRIST:** Reopened the conference committee on SB2020.

**ROLL CALL:** Present: Senators Andrist, Grindberg, Lindaas; Representatives Monson, Boehm, Aarsvold.

**SENATOR ANDRIST:** I visited with Representative Monson personally, and he shares his concerns that the overall budget of the Historical Society represents more increase than he is comfortable with. For our part, we took \$375,000 out of the budget. We worked with the other budgets, particularly reducing Parks and Rec. and Tourism, which is now settled, so that we could focus as much money in building Lewis & Clark infrastructure as possible. The best hope from our standpoint, to do anything for Lewis & Clark, stands in restoring \$475,000. Unless you are ready to change your view or seriously negotiate at least close to this level, we do not have a whole lot to offer. We would be happy to hear anything you have to offer. (tape A, 150)

**REPRESENTATIVE MONSON:** We worked this budget and really got down into it. We asked for a lot of information. We compared the budget from the '95-'97 biennium-which was \$5.2M to the present budget, the '97-'99 biennium-which was \$ 6.367M. The Governor's recommendation for this budget was \$8.065M. When you look at that increase, that is just about 60% increase since 4 years ago. That is where we felt that \$1M approximately of increase over this present biennium should be more than adequate. A \$1M growth from '95-'97 biennium, from 97-99 biennium, another \$1M from '97-'99 to 99-2001 biennium is still about a 40% increase from 4 years ago. We felt that we can't take that much money out of this general fund budget.

**SENATOR ANDRIST:** We do not think you did that much serious work, dealing with the internal budget.. You just took the cream off the top which is Lewis & Clark and threw it away... There is \$1M for Lewis & Clark included in that budget if the \$475,000 was left. We would be happy to negotiate with you on how much it costs to run this department, this is just the add-on to the special purpose funds, and we feel it is very important.

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**REPRESENTATIVE MONSON:** I take objection to what you are saying. We delved into this subject in much more depth than what you Senators did. We have twice as many people in our House of Representatives to get to the bottom of this. I feel that you scratched the surface of this budget. Through this budget if you look at the line item, capital improvements from '97-'99 to the requested budget of the Governor, it goes from \$509,000 to \$ 1,130,000, plus a \$1,117,000 for Lewis & Clark. These capital improvements, plus Lewis & Clark add up to about \$1.6M increase.

**SENATOR ANDRIST:** We took away \$350,000 of those capital improvements and half of the Lewis & Clark.

**REPRESENTATIVE MONSON:** Your total cuts were \$368,000. Ours were \$475,000. Together those add up to less than \$900,000. If you take \$900,000 off of the 2 line items of capital improvements and Lewis & Clark, we still left well over \$1M improvement in those 2 line items. Many of those capital improvements go for Lewis & Clark things as well.

**REPRESENTATIVE BOEHM:** One of the reasons we made a suggestion in our committee earlier, was to give them the opportunity to transfer within line item.

**SENATOR ANDRIST:** I followed up discussing it with Sam Wegner and he would welcome that opportunity and he thinks maybe he could have some minor cost savings in doing that. (tape A, 538)

**REPRESENTATIVE AARSVOLD:** I am not enthusiastic about jacketing our budget, but I would be willing to do some concessions with regard to perhaps capital expenditures and the Lewis & Clark bicentennial. I am not sure what kind of a pool of money that does generate. At least I would provide flexibility within those areas that are a contention at the moment it would seem to me. I do not know what the reaction of the other committee would be to that, I guess that would be a consideration I would like to see us explore. (tape A, 538)

**SENATOR ANDRIST:** We have 3 major budget categories. One is programming funds, another is the Ft Buford area, and the other is the Frontier Exhibit in the Heritage Center. I guess what we were thinking was jacketing the Heritage Center funds with the Ft Buford funds, to see if we could get a little more mileage. We are willing to negotiate on the programming money which according to philosophy we approach Lewis & Clark with at a lower priority. Our priority was infrastructure development.

**SENATOR LINDAAS:** I follow your thinking on this. As you have mentioned before, we kicked a lot of things out of the other budgets that we had something to do with, and I think that is a good part of giving on this. I tend to want to hold the line on this. (tape A, 660)

**SENATOR ANDRIST:** I think we have marked differences between us that we may have to let our leaders fight this thing out. I do not think that we are anywhere near the final trimming on the negotiations, we just need to go in and give some philosophical approach to this.

**REPRESENTATIVE BOEHM:** How many new dollars are in for Lewis & Clerk?

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**SENATOR ANDRIST:** We settled out with Tourism, we gave them only \$75,000 Out of an executive budget of \$500,000. We took most of that out of there. Parks & Recreation we ended up taking \$130,000 out of that. \$100,000 in the executive budget for the Council of the Arts to develop a travelling exhibit. That bill went into the House and was killed and did not get to our chamber. As near as I can tell this is about all the Lewis & Clark funding that is left.

**REPRESENTATIVE MONSON:** The capital improvement line item has \$85,000 left for Ft Clark, that is a number 2 priority. Ft Totten is your number 1 priority. You guys cut \$158,000 out of that, from Ft Totten. Your number 2 priority for capital improvements was Ft Clark-\$85,000. We left that in there. The number 3 priority was Ft. Buford-\$100,000, we left that in there. The number 4 priority was the Chandra at Walhalla, you cut that whole thing out-\$190,000. Your #5 priority was the Chateau, we left that all in there-\$32,900. Your #6 priority was the Chateau-\$95,000. I think that is still in there. Really \$185,000 that is in the capital improvements line item is for Ft. Clark and Ft. Buford, and that is Lewis & Clark. Then you go down here to Lewis & Clark Bicentennial, and there is still \$1.117M for Lewis & Clark projects alone.

**SENATOR ANDRIST:** Can I ask Sam Wenger to explain that? Is there any Ft. Buford money in the budget besides in the Lewis & Clark part of it?

**SAM WEGNER:** Yes there is. The budget was developed and there are elements within the Capital project itself. You have indicated some money in there for instance for Ft. Clark. It is not identified as Lewis & Clark, but definitely that is going to be one of the key sites. Subsequent to the submission of the budget to OMB, then the Governor's committee got together the agencies, Tourism, Parks & Rec, and came up with a list of other opportunities that we need to be looking at. That was the Lewis & Clark enhancement thing. There was actually kind of two lists. That is why you see some of the Lewis & Clark enhancement identified as Ft. Clark. In the regular capital funding there is also some identified as Ft. Clark. (tape A, 1017)

**SENATOR ANDRIST:** Dave, could you prepare for us a report of the whole package of Lewis & Clark, as it is contained in the executive budget, what is taken out and what is left in.

**REP. MONSON:** I have that right here. He gave that to us earlier, we asked for that. Fort Clark development - \$85,000; Fort Buford Officers - \$20,000; L&C Bicentennial - \$665,000 with the extra enhancements so those add up to \$850,000. \$850,000 out of this part here of \$1.117M so that meant \$267,00 of extra enhancements plus the \$185,000 in capital improvements. There's \$1.3M in L&C projects between capital improvements and the L&C line. We took out \$475,666. If you subtract \$475,000 from \$1.3M you get about \$800,000+ of new money for capital improvements and L&C projects. For all L&C projects between the capital improvement line and the L&C enhancement line there is still \$800,000+ new money. If we jackpot that line item that says capital improvements that has the Chateau and the other things along with all of the L&C line item money, they'd have a pool of money of approximately \$2.2M minus \$475,000, minus what the Senate took out.

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**SENATOR ANDRIST:** I know Fort Totten nor is the Chateau part of the L&C budget, it's part of their regular capital budget. As far as I'm concerned that could pretty well be fair game, but I'm looking at these L&C sites, particularly wondering what was actually intended in the Executive budget for L&C and what we have done.

**KRABbenhOFT: OMB** In the Executive budget like Sam said, originally when the budget was presented, they had the Agencies come up with their priorities in their capital projects. That capital projects could and did include some sites that were later identified as prime L&C sites. But, they were for unrelated activities at the site. For instance Ft. Clark needs a lot of work, but also along the regular continuing budget not considering L&C it also needed some work. When the Governor decided to have the L&C enhancements, that gave the opportunity for additional work at those sites. That's the case with Fort Clark and Fort Buford. It was an addition to the regular maintenance that needed to be done at those sites in order to get them useful. That was the big problem we had in looking at the sites. The need is so great and the time is now to invest in the infrastructure. There is quite a large increase in capital projects and in the L&C initiative that the Governor decided the priorities. But, at the same time if you look at their operating line, this is done at the expense of operating. We recognize the growth so they trimmed back their operating within the budget request. We only restored half of that so they're actually down \$90,000. If you're looking at the agencies, we're making a conscious effort to invest in the infrastructure that the agency is responsible for. While at the same time controlling cost of administration. That was our focus knowing the event is coming, we need to spend money on the sites to make them presentable to the world. (tape A, 1580)

**SENATOR ANDRIST:** I'm going to go back and dig into the budgets again. I encourage you to do the same.

**REP. MONSON:** Dave, do you have the amount of money raised from the glass box at the Heritage Center?

**KRABbenhOFT:** The concession fund generates about \$750,000/biennium. Those funds are presently being used in operations of the agency for printing, programming, seasonal activities/help, etc.

**REP. MONSON:** That is not anywhere in this budget.

**KRABbenhOFT:** That is a continuing appropriation so that is by definition off budget.

**REP. BOEHM:** That amount should also increase as the numbers of tourists increase.

**REP. MONSON:** That's why we weren't excited about the historic trails brochures, etc. because that glass box does produce some money that is not in the budget. They have total flexibility over that. If they would choose to use some of that money to do some of these printing things, we felt they could do that in light of the fact we expect to have more tourism and more money generated. So between the money that isn't in the book that could be used for some of those smaller minor things and they have total discretion over it, if we were to give them total discretion over their capital improvements and all of L&C bicentennial money, we can back off our full deduction a



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little. But we can still give them at least \$1M for L&C projects. We're trying to balance the budget. I'm willing to put some money back in, but this is a 17% increase over last biennium.

**REP BYERLY:** I realize there will be more money requests coming in during the next biennium. I can see that amount being requested again next time.

**REP. MONSON:** With ingenuity, the Historical Society can find more money from affected communities. If we can give Sam and the Historical Society the Legislative intent to go out and raise money; and, hopefully tourism will generate additional money.

**SENATOR ANDRIST:** I've visited with Sam, and we do think there may be some ways to enhance this a little bit. But, when you ask for a dollar and you offer a nickel, it's hard to figure out how to make the nickel do the job.

**SENATOR ANDRIST:** Recessed the conference committee.

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**SENATOR ANDRIST:** Reopened the 4th conference committee meeting on SB 2020.

**ROLL CALL:** All members present.

**SENATOR ANDRIST:** Presented 2 handouts: one outlining a breakdown of the State Historical budget outlining the total funding for L&C compared to the Executive, Senate, and House recommendations (attachment 1), and the other L&C funds specifically allocated to the Historical Society, Parks & Rec, Tourism, and the Council on the Arts (attachment 2).

**SENATOR GRINDBERG:** Moved we delete programming funds of \$66,756 and combine L&C major improvements.

**ALLEN KNUDSON: (LC)** We could establish a new line item that would be called L&C and major improvements or something like that to allow them the flexibility for either L&C or capital improvements.

**SENATOR LINDAAS:** Seconded the motion.

**REP. MONSON:** You would be putting how much money into that line item on your version?

**SENATOR ANDRIST:** We would remove \$66,000+.

**SENATOR GRINDBERG:** To clarify, that would be adding back \$400,000+ restoring everything back to the Senate version, less \$66,000+, and combining these two. (tape A, 450)

**REP. MONSON:** I have no problem rolling those line items together into one and giving more flexibility. As far as removing the \$66,766, I have no problem doing that. However, I resist the motion because I think restoring \$400,000+ that the House took out would be too much money going back in.

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**REP. BOEHM:** You said you removed "x" number of dollars, that came from other items other than L&C, right?

**SENATOR ANDRIST:** Yes, it was capital projects though, and you can see them on this spreadsheet. We left L&C on the Historical side, because most of the funding was for capital projects which is what we wanted to focus on. We have taken substantial amounts of L&C money out. You took out \$75,000 on the Council of the Arts—we took out \$425,000+; from Tourism about \$550,000, because we wanted to do the Capital projects.

**REP. MONSON:** You chopped Tourism way more than the House did. The Council of Arts, I don't know about. We aren't on those and we aren't privy to those discussions. I don't know if we can even consider that. You had your reasons, but we had our reasons. We looked at the Historical Society and that is all we looked at. We can't really mix these.

**SENATOR GRINDBERG:** I respectfully disagree. I think in the Governor's intention with his Executive recommendation, was to put a plan together for L&C. This is not about regular operations of the Parks & Rec, Tourism, or regular biennial operations of the Historical Society. He put \$2.2M in the budget and it's now down to \$1.2M, if I'm reading this spreadsheet correctly. Discussions about how it affects normal operations of the Agencies, I can't understand. This is a special one-time event that we're preparing for. In the spirit of compromise, I made that motion is to lump these together. I felt we had favorable discussions in that direction to lump them together, wipe out the programming, and let the Historical Society start doing some of these things in preparation. We had the opportunity in the Senate to look at this as a package. We took that marketing money because we didn't feel it made good sense to spend \$500,000 telling people about L&C when it is so far away, and then not have adequate money to fix the place up, do the improvements, get the exhibits ready, etc.

**REP. MONSON:** How much change is there from the House version and the Senate version on the Council of the Arts, Parks & Rec, and Tourism?

**SENATOR ANDRIST:** I provided a sheet that shows that. On the bottom it shows \$100,000 requested for Council on the Arts and that went into a House bill. You took out the \$100,000, but Senator Grindberg expects to get it included as a \$25,000 item in OMB. Parks & Rec requested \$355,000, we actually added to that a little bit because we became aware of what we felt was a real nice project we wanted to help fund at the L&C Interpretative Center at Washburn. Tourism requested \$698,000, 2 full time positions plus \$500,000 marketing money. We took one of those positions away and I think we took the second away for one year, and took most of the money away from marketing. You left \$200,000 in marketing, and we trimmed that down to \$75,000 so right now the \$698,000 for Tourism is reduced to \$148,995. Those 3 budgets are all settled. I would like to point out to get the \$1,728M, part of the deal on that was taking away \$350,000 of other Historical Society project funding we thought should have a lower priority than L&C related capital expenditures.

**SENATOR LINDAAS:** Senator Grindberg's motion would take the House changes, restore that taking \$66,766 off of it would be \$343,500 restoring that portion of it?

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**SENATOR ANDRIST:** It would be more than that. You would subtract all the projects from community packets on down and that is about \$66,766. That would lower the figure from \$485,000 less \$66,766.

**SENATOR GRINDBERG:** Another way to look at this is if you took the House version of all of these bills at \$1.2M and you took the executive budget at \$2.2M and divided the difference and added half of that to the House's version of \$1.2, you get \$1,749,000. If you take the Senate version at \$1.7M and back out \$66,766, you're at \$1.661M so we're under what we consider a 50/50 compromise. So when we look at the packet, I think it's only fair that we're under it in that respect.

**SENATOR ANDRIST:** If I hear what you're saying, your proposal would be less than the mid point between the House version and the Executive budget?

**SENATOR GRINDBERG:** Yes. It may not be apples to apples, but it gives a perspective of what the Executive budget thought about L&C as a priority versus what we actually end up funding.

**REP. MONSON:** How much of this money is special funds, federal funds, general funds?

**SENATOR ANDRIST:** The Executive original recommendation, \$7M was general funds and \$1M was federal funds. There were no special funds, I suppose the ratio wouldn't have changed much. (tape A, 1285)

**SENATOR GRINDBERG:** I call the question.

**SENATOR ANDRIST:** **The question has been called.** Hearing no objection, I'll have the clerk call the roll.

**ROLL CALL #2:** 4 Yeas; 2 Nays; 0 Absent  
Yeas: Senators Andrist, Grindberg, Lindaas; Representative Aarsvold  
Nays: Representatives Monson, Boehm  
**MOTION FAILED**

**SENATOR GRINDBERG:** **I move that same motion and take an additional \$50,000 for a total of \$116,766.**

**SENATOR LINDAAS:** **Seconded the motion.**

**REP. AARSVOLD:** Could I get a composite amount of that transaction?

**REP. AARSVOLD:** The net after we subtract that from the major improvements on the bicentennial line items is?

**SENATOR GRINDBERG:** \$358,900.



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**REP. MONSON:** I'm having a problem with what the total of these 4 budgets is to see what total effect that has on our general fund budget? I think we're getting closer, yet we're still a ways apart.

**SENATOR ANDRIST:** I'd like to have the clerk call the roll of the House members first. (tape A, 1666)

**ROLL CALL #2:** 4 Yeas; 2 nays; 0 absent & not voting.  
Yeas: Senators Andrist, Grindberg, Lindaas, Representative Aarsvold.  
Nays: Representatives Monson, Boehm  
**MOTION FAILED.**

**REP. MONSON:** I would like a short recess, so we as House members can talk?

**SENATOR ANDRIST:** Reconvened the meeting.

**REP. BOEHM:** Moved the Senate accede to the House amendments and further amend that we: 1) combine the major improvement in the L&C line item, 2) add \$175,000 to this line item over the House version.

**REP. AARSVOLD:** Seconded the motion.

**REP. MONSON:** According to my calculations between what is in the capital improvements line item and major improvements line item for L&C and what the Governor had in his budget there was \$1.302M for L&C projects.

**SENATOR ANDRIST:** The motion is to recede to the House amendments and to add \$175,000.

**REP. MONSON:** By our calculations, that comes up to \$1,001,445 in the L&C line items with \$1.117M in L&C enhancements plus in the capital improvements line item in the Governor's budget there was what we calculated to be \$185,000 in other L&C related programs, \$85,000 at Fort Clark, and \$100,000 at Fort Buford in the capital improvements. So when you look at that, I consider that to be over \$1M for L&C related projects. In light of the fact there is over \$1M in this budget increase over the '97-'99 biennium that is roughly 17% increase in the budget for the Historical Society.

**SENATOR ANDRIST:** If you fold in L&C. (tape A, 2030)

**REP. BOEHM:** There are also other organizations who will be work for the L&C Centennial. The Mandan Fort Lincoln Foundation is doing some work, and I think we have to realize that the next time we meet, there will be additional requests for more money for L&C. It is early and we're giving them \$1M, and most of that is general fund dollars.

**SENATOR ANDRIST:** L&C is really starting right now. Two years from now, if you're thinking capital projects, they aren't going to have it done by the time we're in the heart of L&C.

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**REP. MONSON:** With the House adding in \$175,000 with this motion, whatever you want to look at it is going into that should be a pretty good chunk of money to put toward the planning and getting started on what their priorities are. If they took \$175,000 and put into that program to start improving that, they may not get much done this first year of the biennium, but certainly by the second year they could be gearing up and we could pretty much say we're on the same page that for the next biennium, although we can't commit to it, we would probably complete what they had started. (tape A, 2200)

**SENATOR ANDRIST:** You can massage numbers a lot more effectively than I can, but \$175,000 wipes out all of the programming money, makes them choose between Fort Buford and the Heritage Center exhibit. One of them has to be dead.

**SENATOR LINDAAS:** If we look at percentage increases over the last biennium, I don't believe there was any L&C in the last biennium, so if you want to look at percentages, this is a 100% increase whatever we put into it. It's something new so we have to fund it as something new.

**SENATOR ANDRIST:** We've cut \$350,000 in capital spending already, put \$175,000 back, already their salaries, operating expenses, and equipment are lower than they were 2 years ago.

**SENATOR ANDRIST:** The clerk will call the roll.

**ROLL CALL #3:** 3 yeas; 3 nays; 0 absent & not voting

Yeas: Representatives Monson, Boehm, Aarsvold

Nays: Senators Andrist, Grindberg, Lindaas

**MOTION FAILED**

**SENATOR ANDRIST:** I'm going to talk to my Leader and I suggest you do the same. Maybe they have to have the next conference, they'll organize someone else to do the meeting, or they want to give us some direction and have us meet again. Meeting recessed. (tape 3, A, 2400)

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no tape of informal meeting

All conference committee members assembled informally for the 5th meeting on the main floor of the capital. The chair of the committee, Senator Andrist, determined through discussion that neither the Senate nor the House had additional amendments to offer so declared it unnecessary to meet. He suggested that perhaps the leadership of both chambers should be involved.

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**SENATOR ANDRIST:** Reconvened the conference committee for its 6th meeting, and introduced students from Divide County High School.

**ROLL CALL:** All members were present.

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**SENATOR GRINDBERG:** Moved we delete programming funds-\$66,766; delete half of the \$100,000 for Fort Buford Officer Interior and road removal = \$50,000; delete half of the pit toilets, Confluence camp sites, Finding ND exhibit, Missouri River exhibit - half of that = \$22,000; in essence we'd be reducing \$138,766; and combining those 2 line items into the L&C line item and major improvements; thereby leaving \$336,900 remaining for projects.

**SENATOR LINDAAS:** Seconded the motion.

**SENATOR GRINDBERG:** My feelings on that that a) we've given up all the programming funds, b) we've come half way on the \$100,000 and half way on the remaining dollars other than the L&C frontier exhibit which I feel is extremely important. I think that is fair and it splits it down the middle.

**REP. MONSON:** We're moving closer. I don't feel that appropriation for the exhibit is necessary. I have an amendment to offer more flexibility to the department. (tape A, 2335)

**SENATOR ANDRIST:** Senator Grindberg, your motion would jackpot anything that dealt with construction?

**SENATOR GRINDBERG:** That is my understanding.

**SENATOR ANDRIST:** Would that jackpot everything under L&C?

**SENATOR LINDAAS:** Would you review that again, Senator Grindberg?

**SENATOR GRINDBERG:** I would combine major improvements in L&C line item them into one, and it would reduce the funding by \$138,766.

**SENATOR ANDRIST:** We'll have the clerk call the roll. (tape A, 2482)

**ROLL CALL: 4 yeas; 2 nays**

**MOTION FAILED**

Ayes: Senators Andrist, Grindberg, Lindaas; Representative Aarsvold

Nays: Representatives Monson, Boehm

**REP. MONSON:** Moved amendment #0205 indicating everything would be jack potted into 2 lines. Salaries and wages would stay the same. All other line items from operating expenses, equipment, major improvements, grants, Missouri River, Fort Union, and all L&C money would be jackbooted into another pool of money and it would give the Historical Society and the Director full flexibility to choose projects they feel necessary. I would hope they wouldn't use \$30,000 for pit toilets, but they would have total discretion based on their priorities. We are throwing in \$100,000 more than where the House had been at before. The total reduction from the Senate version would be \$375,666; but, the flexibility they would have within those budgets is worth quite a lot of money, too.

**SENATOR ANDRIST:** It would reduce total funding by \$75,000 from your previous offer?

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**REP. MONSON:** I think our previous offer had \$175,000 back in, but it did not jackpot all of these and allow them the flexibility.

**SENATOR ANDRIST:** I would put \$100,000 back in and jackpot everything except wages and salary.

**REP. MONSON:** One of the problems I have with this budget is during the last biennium, their operating cost was approximately \$71,000. This current biennium it went up to \$200,000+ for equipment, and next biennium they were looking for \$80,000+. That big blip in there as I see it is one time expenditure for equipment, etc. That money once it is in the budget is a total line item is now still in the budget even though it has been reduced from equipment line item from '97-'99 biennium that money that is cut out of equipment has been moved down into L&C or wherever. I'm saying this added flexibility should be worth quite a lot of money to them.

**SENATOR ANDRIST:** I'm having a hard time understanding your logic. Equipment had that spike 2 years ago as you said, but they brought it back down to its historic level now. The money we're funding, we've been over this several times, for salaries, wages, operating costs, equipment is actually reduced. Even allowing for that spike, it's reduced. I'm reluctant to jackpot those items anyway because I think they are an important part of the budgeting process. Plus, I think you're trying to window dress an offer that is ridiculously low.

**REP. BOEHM: Seconded the motion.**

**REP. AARSVOLD:** I tend to agree with you in regard to jacketing all those other line items. I have some concerns about the consequences of that in future bienniums. I would like to as a policy maker to make some judgments as to what kinds of equipment, the nature of those equipment changes, and some of the operating, etc. I would have reservations. I would not resist putting the 2 line items together as Senator Grindberg proposed. (tape A, 3060)

**REP. BOEHM:** I'm for combining these funds this time more so than any other time, was basically for L&C. This is an exception to the rule.

**SENATOR ANDRIST:** I would ask everyone in order to make this L&C in the capital budget more palatable, they already reduced from the previous year, their operating expense. I don't think we can assume just because we jackpot those operating expenses that those things are going to disappear for those people. They still have a building to maintain, light bills to pay, etc. It seems to me we're just window dressing. Those expenses don't go away.

**REP. MONSON:** The bottom line here is the Governor wanted \$1M for L&C projects. This budget, although it doesn't specify if this amendment were to pass, that there is \$1M in here for L&C projects. The bottom line is that there is an increase of over \$1M from the last biennium. If they have the flexibility to move those moneys around, etc. .... (similar testimony as presented previously.)

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**SENATOR ANDRIST:** We've approached L&C positively. We eliminated the equivalent of one-half of the governor's budget. We're looking at one-time funding - not something that is going to continue in the budget next time. (tape A, 3440)

**REP. MONSON:** We have philosophical differences. We looked at these bills separately. This is not for one-time funding. This is far from a one-time infusion of money. What they have planned down the road during the next biennium, is a much bigger infusion. The exhibits at the Heritage Center have to go forward, but I think they can get by with starting it now by doing some planning, if they get moving faster than they are thinking they will at this time - this is a 3-year project. If they get started and start planning, they have the flexibility to move that money in there and go farther in there than maybe if we don't fund it and keep it in some separate line item. Maybe they want to wait because it's going to take 3 years anyway. The money coming down the pike is going to be big next time too, so we might be haggling again.

**REP. BYERLY:** If we put an additional \$300,000+ in, the money has to come from somewhere. It is a matter of priorities. (tape A, 3825)

**SENATOR LINDAAS:** If we'd look at L&C funding on a separate bill entirely, we wouldn't be in this pickle. A certain amount would have been allocated to L&C and then dispersed to the agencies.

**SENATOR ANDRIST:** The clerk will take the roll.

**ROLL CALL#2:** 2 yeas; 5 nays

**MOTION FAILED**

**Yeas:** Representatives Monson, Boehm

**Nays:** Senators Andrist, Grindberg, Lindaas; Rep. Aarsvold.

**REP. MONSON:** What common ground can we find? (tape A, 4220)

**SENATOR ANDRIST:** If you could look at the L&C funding as one project even though they were in separate bills. It would help us a lot if you could look at L&C funding and capital expenditures differently than paying the phone bill and the light bill. It will take a whole lot more money, and perhaps more time. We've worked hard to get this money into this good program and you can mask it anyway you want, but we don't want it stripped out.

**REP. MONSON:** We can't look at those other 2 budgets-they've already passed, we have to an agreement. You have this idea that L&C is the most important thing. The Bicentennial of L&C happens 4 years from now. Yes, we have to gear up, we have to plan. But, I remind you I do have some interest in other parts of the state. I come from the northeast, where you in the Senate decided to slash some high priority things, too. You cut money out of Fort Totten, you cut \$190,000 out of the Genre' and that give me some heartburn. You seem to have no regard for that. Let's meet somewhere in the middle. Let's let them jackpot it, then if they feel Fort Totten truly is not a number 1 priority like the Board had said it was, but you cut it anyway, or Genre' being number 4 priority that you cut that out in its entirety. If it's jackbooted together, we'll let the Board go back to square 1 and they can reassess what is their priority. If they decide that Genre'

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truly is not a number 4 priority and that L&C is number 1, that's where they get to spend their money.

**SENATOR ANDRIST:** You are saying, Rep. Monson, that you'll recede and let us have the \$475,666 if we put \$100,000 into Genre' and Fort Totten, or if we jackpot the money so they can use that \$475,000 partially for those two projects?

**REP. MONSON:** I'm saying we'll put \$100,000 back, and we can probably even wiggle a little bit more. We're not dead set that it has to be \$100,000; but, if we give them flexibility, and if they decided Genre' was important, that could be in the mix.

**SENATOR ANDRIST:** Recessed the committee meeting. (tape A, 4995)

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Tape 3, A, 1-1421

**SENATOR ANDRIST:** Reopened the conference committee on SB 2020.

**ROLL CALL:** Present: Senators Andrist, Grindberg, Lindaas; Reps. Dalrymple (replacing Rep. Monson), Boehm. Absent, Rep. Aarsvold

**SENATOR ANDRIST:** Presented background information to Rep. Dalrymple.

**REP. BOEHM:** Moved to restore \$200,000 to the budget.

**REP. DALRYMPLE:** Seconded the motion.

**REP. BOEHM:** We know this is just the beginning of L&C. A lot of things can be done after the next session. We know the planning need to be done, and some of the work at the sites needs to be done. But, we feel there were be additional requests next time around to do a lot of the work. There will be additional tourist income from sites charging fees. There is \$700,000 income that is not reflected in these budgets. It is continuing appropriations and that amount will increase as tourists increase. (tape A, 320)

**SENATOR GRINDBERG:** I'm not going to support the motion. We've been down this path already. We've discussed this over and over. It's a philosophy we have on the Senate side that is going to do infrastructure now. I'm not so concerned about the increased revenue over the next 2 years. We'll know about it because they have to report it to us. I think if we're serious about the one-time event of L&C, they need the dollars to go out and get ready for it. This is not close enough. (tape A, 372)

**REP. DALRYMPLE:** I believe the conference committee has been talking about taking an add-back such as this and including authority to place it amongst lines, or as a transfer between lines. Is that correct?



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**SENATOR ANDRIST:** I think there was general agreement, or not motions have survived to such, to jackpot the money with a possible exception, or at least on our side we didn't think it was appropriate to jackpot the operating expenses and equipment. But, all the L&C money it is my understanding, that both sides seem to think that might be a good idea. Also, Mr. Wegner felt the same way. He thought that would give him more flexibility and whatever he does get would work better. Other than for that, I'd like to point out, the reason I'm going to reject this motion is this is essentially \$25,000 more than the House members were willing to offer on Friday. I don't really regard that as significant movement. (tape A, 480)

**REP. DALRYMPLE:** Would salaries and wages also be excluded from the jack potting?

**SENATOR ANDRIST:** Yes, both sides felt the salaries had to be kept separate. The House members on the committee were willing to jackpot operating expenses and equipment. We thought at this time that is a practice we haven't been doing with other budgets, and probably shouldn't. (tape A, 520)

**ROLL CALL:** 2 yeas; 3 nays; 1 absent & not voting

Yeas: Reps. Dalrymple, Boehm

Nays: Sens. Andrist, Grindberg, Lindaas

Absent & not voting: Rep. Aarsvold

**MOTION FAILED**

**SENATOR GRINDBERG:** Moved we restore \$298,666, leaving \$176,900 for the general fund, merge the major improvements with L&C, and would leave \$50,000 for the Fort Buford Officer of the Day interior and full funding for the exhibit - \$266,900. It would delete everything else. (tape A, 625)

**SENATOR ANDRIST:** That would be \$316,000.

**SENATOR GRINDBERG:** Yes, my numbers were off.

**SENATOR LINDAAS:** Seconded the motion.

**SENATOR ANDRIST:** That would eliminate the pit toilet at Fort Buford, half the funding for the Officer of the Day project, the money for the confluence camp site exhibits at Fort Buford, the two traveling exhibits, and all the programming funds? (tape A, 705)

**SENATOR GRINDBERG:** That's correct. This is a compromise. Maybe when we come back next time they can find the funding with both line items. It allows them to move forward with the top two priorities. (tape A, 750)

**REP. BOEHM:** The difference between that and our offer is?

**SENATOR ANDRIST:** From \$200,000 to \$316,000.

**SENATOR GRINDBERG:** Called the question.

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**ROLL CALL:** 3 yeas; 2 nays; 1 absent & not voting

Yeas: Sens. Andrist, Grindberg, Lindaas

Nays: Reps. Dalrymple, Boehm

Absent & not voting: Rep. Aarsvold

**MOTION FAILED** (tape A, 840)

**REP. BOEHM:** I'll try another motion.

**SENATOR GRINDBERG:** I move we adjourn.

**SENATOR ANDRIST:** I don't have a parliamentarian here, but under Robert's rules, a motion to adjourn is non debatable. Is that the same here?

**REP. DALRYMPLE:** We're trying to make further progress here, I don't know why we can't continue. We can call for Rep. Aarsvold.

**SENATOR ANDRIST:** I heard Rep. Boehm first, so I'll entertain a motion from him.

**REP. BOEHM: I move we restore \$250,000 to the budget.**

**REP. DALRYMPLE: Seconded the motion.**

**REP. BOEHM:** I think we're making a reasonable offer considering where we started and what the Senate has given compared to what the House has given in this budget. We've come \$250,000 from our original proposal compared to what the Senate has done.

**SENATOR ANDRIST:** Ordinarily I would agree with that, but I would like to point out, especially to Rep. Dalrymple, before we came here we took \$350,000 of public capital spending to protect this. We feel we've gone a good deal further than half way, too. (tape A, 988)

**REP. BOEHM:** Would you explain to Rep. Dalrymple where you took your money out?

**SENATOR ANDRIST:** Rep. Dalrymple, if you look at the spread sheet...explanation similar to that previously presented. (tape A, 1150)

**ROLL CALL:** 2 yeas; 3 nays; 1 absent & not voting

Ayes: Reps Dalrymple, Boehm

Nays: Sens. Andrist, Grindberg, Lindaas

Absent & not voting: Rep. Aarsvold

**MOTION FAILED**

**SENATOR ANDRIST:** For myself, if you'd look at \$300,000, it would allow them to do the most important work at Fort Buford and still make substantial progress on the museum exhibits. That's what we are hoping you would concede to. (tape A, 1250)



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**REP. DALRYMPLE:** Mr. Chairman, there's nothing I would rather do than wrap this up. At \$300,000, I think I'd better speak with a couple of our colleagues. We are willing to express to them this budget is not going to be split down the middle because you feel this budget has been impacted by deliberations on other budgets. We'll see what kind of response we get. There are others who are interested in what we do, so we will have to get their input. (tape A, 1315)

**SENATOR ANDRIST:** On behalf of my colleagues, we appreciate you joining our committee and dialoguing with us in a constructive way. We're very eager for resolution. We'd only ask you point out to your colleagues the methodology we used which we thought was a worthy one to consider, which we thought your predecessor was unwilling to look at. In another day, maybe a few more pictures will clear on available dollars, and we can all look at it in a fresh light.

**SENATOR ANDRIST:** Adjourned the conference committee. (tape A, 1421)

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tape 2, A, 0-150 (recorder didn't function)

**SENATOR ANDRIST:** Reopened the conference committee on SB 2020.

**ROLL CALL:** Present: Senators Andrist, Grindberg; Reps. Dalrymple, Aarsvold.  
Absent: Senator Lindaas; Rep. Boehm.

**REP. DALRYMPLE:** Moved restoring \$290,000 to the House version of SB 2020 and allowing transfer of funds between capital and the Lewis & Clark line items.

**SENATOR GRINDBERG:** Seconded the motion.

**ROLL CALL:** 4 yeas; 0 nays; 2 absent & not voting.  
Yeas: Senators Andrist, Grindberg; Reps. Dalrymple, Aarsvold  
Absent & not voting: Senator Lindaas; Rep. Boehm

**MOTION CARRIED**

**SENATOR ANDRIST:** Adjourned conference committee. (tape 2, A, 1422-2686)

Date: 4/9/99

Roll Call Vote #:

**1999 SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE ROLL CALL VOTES**  
**BILL/RESOLUTION NO. S.B. 2180**

Senate \_\_\_\_\_ Committee \_\_\_\_\_

Subcommittee on \_\_\_\_\_  
 or  
 Conference Committee

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

Action Taken \_\_\_\_\_

Motion Made By \_\_\_\_\_

*Failed #3*  
*Failed #2*  
*Attendance 4/9*  
*Grindberg*  
 Seconded By #1

Senators		Yes	No	Senators		Reps	Yes	No
Andrist	N Y	P	Y	Monson	Y N		P	N
Grindberg	N Y	P	Y	Boehm	Y N		P	N
Lindaas	N Y	P	Y	Aarsvold	Y Y		P	Y

Total (Yes) \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

Absent \_\_\_\_\_

Floor Assignment \_\_\_\_\_

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

(Bill Number) SB 2020 (, as (re)engrossed):

Your Conference Committee

4/12 Attendance		SENATORS	#1	#2 Vote
P	P	Andrist	Y	N
P	P	Grindberg	Y	N
P	A	Lindaas	Y	N

4/12 Attendance		REPRESENTATIVES	#1	Vote
P	P <sup>Dakympl</sup>	Monson	N	Y
P	A	Boehm	N	Y
P	P	Aarsvold	Y	N

recommends that the (SENATE/HOUSE) (ACCEDE to) (RECEDE from) the (Senate/House) amendments on (SJ/HJ) page(s) \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_

and place \_\_\_\_\_ on the Seventh order.

, adopt (further) amendments as follows, and place \_\_\_\_\_ on the Seventh order:

having been unable to agree, recommends that the committee be discharged and a new committee be appointed.

((Re)Engrossed) \_\_\_\_\_ was placed on the Seventh order of business on the calendar.

DATE: \_\_\_/\_\_\_/\_\_\_

CARRIER: \_\_\_\_\_

LC NO. \_\_\_\_\_ . \_\_\_\_\_ of amendment

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Emergency clause added or deleted \_\_\_\_\_

Statement of purpose of amendment \_\_\_\_\_

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(Bill Number) SB 2020 (, as (re)engrossed):

Your Conference Committee

Attendance	SENATORS	Vote	Attendance	REPRESENTATIVES	Vote
P	Andrist	Y N/Y/N	P	<del>MAN</del> Dairymple	Y/N/Y
P	Grindberg	Y N/Y/N	P	Boehm	Y/N/Y
P	Lindaas	A N/Y/N	A	AARSVOLD	A/A/A

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and place \_\_\_\_\_ on the Seventh order.  
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. adopt (further) amendments as follows, and place  
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having been unable to agree, recommends that the committee be discharged  
 and a new committee be appointed. 690/515

((Re)Engrossed) \_\_\_\_\_ was placed on the Seventh order of business on the  
 calendar.

DATE: 4, 14, 99

CARRIER: \_\_\_\_\_

LC NO. \_\_\_\_\_ . \_\_\_\_\_ of amendment

LC NO. \_\_\_\_\_ . \_\_\_\_\_ of engrossment

Emergency clause added or deleted \_\_\_\_\_

Statement of purpose of amendment \_\_\_\_\_

(1) LC (2) LC (3) DESK (4) COMM.

(Bill Number) SB 2020 (, as (re)engrossed):

Your Conference Committee

Attendance	SENATORS	<sup>4/18</sup> Vote	Attendance	REPRESENTATIVES	<sup>4/18</sup> Vote
PPP	Andrist	Y	PPP	Monson	N
PPP	Grindberg	Y	PPP	Boehm	N
PPP	Lindaas	Y	R/A/PP	Aarsvold	N

recommends that the (SENATE/HOUSE) (ACCEDE to) (RECEDE from)  
723/724      725/726      5724/5726      5723/5725  
 the (Senate/House) amendments on (SJ/HJ) page(s) 907 - 908

and place \_\_\_\_\_ on the Seventh order.  
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, adopt (further) amendments as follows, and place  
 \_\_\_\_\_ on the Seventh order:

having been unable to agree, recommends that the committee be discharged  
 and a new committee be appointed. 690/315

((Re)Engrossed) \_\_\_\_\_ was placed on the Seventh order of business on the calendar.

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CARRIER: Andrist

LC NO. 98042 . 0204 of amendment

LC NO. 98042 . 0200 of engrossment

Emergency clause added or deleted \_\_\_\_\_

Statement of purpose of amendment \_\_\_\_\_

(1) LC (2) LC (3) DESK (4) COMM.

**REPORT OF CONFERENCE COMMITTEE**

**SB 2020, as engrossed:** Your conference committee (Sens. Andrist, Grindberg, Lindaas and Reps. Dalrymple, Boehm, Aarsvold) recommends that the **HOUSE RECEDE** from the House amendments on SJ pages 907-908, adopt amendments as follows, and place SB 2020 on the Seventh order:

That the House recede from its amendments as printed on pages 907 and 908 of the Senate Journal and pages 1007 and 1008 of the House Journal and that Engrossed Senate Bill No. 2020 be amended as follows:

Page 1, line 2, after "society" insert "; to provide for line item transfers for the 1997-99 biennium; to authorize line item transfers for the 1999-2001 biennium; and to declare an emergency"

Page 1, line 16, replace "1,117,011" with "931,345"

Page 1, line 17, replace "7,678,768" with "7,493,102"

Page 1, line 19, replace "6,646,330" with "6,460,664"

Page 1, after line 19, insert:

**"SECTION 2. LINE ITEM TRANSFERS - 1999-2001 BIENNIUM.**

Notwithstanding section 54-16-04, the director of the office of management and budget and the state treasurer shall make transfers of funds between the capital improvements line item and the Lewis and Clark bicentennial line item in section 1 of this Act as may be requested by the state historical board for the biennium beginning July 1, 1999, and ending June 30, 2001.

**SECTION 3. LINE ITEM TRANSFERS - 1997-99 BIENNIUM.**

Notwithstanding section 54-16-04, the director of the office of management and budget and the state treasurer, at the request of the superintendent of the state historical society, shall transfer \$34,886 from the equipment line item contained in subdivision 1 of section 1 of chapter 22 of the 1997 Session Laws to the operating expenses line item contained in subdivision 1 of section 1 of chapter 22 of the 1997 Session Laws. The authority to make this transfer begins with the effective date of this Act and ends on June 30, 1999.

**SECTION 4. APPROPRIATION.**

There is hereby appropriated the sum of \$4,900 of federal funds available to the state historical society for the purpose of purchasing equipment for the period beginning with the effective date of this Act and ending June 30, 1999.

**SECTION 5. EMERGENCY.**

Sections 3 and 4 of this Act are declared to be an emergency measure."

Renumber accordingly

**STATEMENT OF PURPOSE OF AMENDMENT:**

DEPARTMENT 701 - STATE HISTORICAL SOCIETY

CONFERENCE COMMITTEE - This amendment makes the following changes:

	EXECUTIVE BUDGET	SENATE VERSION	CONFERENCE COMMITTEE CHANGES	CONFERENCE COMMITTEE VERSION	HOUSE VERSION	CONFERENCE COMPARISON TO HOUSE VERSION
Salaries and wages	\$4,337,656	\$4,299,169		\$4,299,169	\$4,299,169	
Operating expenses	908,323	908,323		908,323	908,323	

**REPORT OF CONFERENCE COMMITTEE (420)**  
**April 15, 1999 6:48 p.m.**

**Module No: SR-69-7349**

**Insert LC: 98042.0206**

Equipment	81,244	81,244		81,244	81,244	
Major improvements	1,130,735	782,735		782,735	782,735	
Grants	485,559	485,559		485,559	485,559	
Yellow-Missouri- Ft. Union Comm.	4,727	4,727		4,727	4,727	
Lewis and Clark bicentennial	1,117,011	1,117,011	(\$185,666)	931,345	641,345	\$290,000
Total all funds	\$8,065,255	\$7,678,768	(\$185,666)	\$7,493,102	\$7,203,102	\$290,000
Less special funds	<u>1,032,438</u>	<u>1,032,438</u>		<u>1,032,438</u>	<u>1,032,438</u>	
General fund	\$7,032,817	\$6,646,330	(\$185,666)	\$6,460,664	\$6,170,664	\$290,000
FTE	54.00	54.00	0.00	54.00	54.00	0.00

Detail of Conference Committee changes to the Senate version includes:

	REDUCE FUNDING FOR LEWIS AND CLARK	TOTAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE CHANGES
Salaries and wages		
Operating expenses		
Equipment		
Major improvements		
Grants		
Yellow-Missouri- Ft. Union Comm.		
Lewis and Clark bicentennial	(\$185,666) <sup>1</sup>	(\$185,666)
Total all funds	(\$185,666)	(\$185,666)
Less special funds		
General fund	(\$185,666)	(\$185,666)
FTE	0.00	0.00

Conference Committee changes narrative:

<sup>1</sup> Reduces funding for the Lewis and Clark bicentennial line item by \$185,666. The State Historical Society may determine the specific areas of reduction. The House had reduced this line item by \$475,666.

A section is added authorizing the State Historical Society to transfer funds between the capital improvements line item and the Lewis and Clark bicentennial line item without Emergency Commission approval.

Sections added by the House are included. These sections affect the State Historical Society's 1997-99 appropriation by:

1. Appropriating an additional \$4,900 of federal funds for equipment.
2. Authorizing a line item transfer of \$34,886 from the equipment line item to the operating expenses line item to provide additional funding for installing the collect records management system and to reduce funding available for equipment related to this project.

Engrossed SB 2020 was placed on the Seventh order of business on the calendar.

**1999 TESTIMONY**

**SB 2020**



**SB 2020**  
**Senate Appropriations Committee**  
**January 15, 1999 Hearing**

*Testimony of Samuel J. Wegner, Superintendent  
the State Historical Society of North Dakota*

**Introduction**

Mr. Chairman – and members of the committee - my name is Sam Wegner. I am the new superintendent of the State Historical Society of North Dakota. I came here in August of last year from Williamsburg, Virginia and am presently ‘enjoying’ my first winter as a North Dakotan.

For 23 years I have worked in museums and historical societies all over the country: in West Virginia, Wisconsin, Missouri, Oregon, and Virginia. From my observations over the past few months, the Legislative Assembly and the people of North Dakota have every reason to be proud of your state historical society. It is an excellent, comprehensive cultural resource agency – as fine as any in the United States. Indeed, the Society has just received national recognition in support of this observation with professional reaccreditation of the North Dakota Heritage Center by the American Association of Museums. The Heritage Center remains the only professionally accredited museum in North Dakota – and is one of only 790 or less than 10% – of all the museums in the United States to be so honored.

I welcome this opportunity to speak to you on behalf of the State Historical Society about our stewardship of the people’s past – as well as our agency’s budget proposal. And, I hope that this presentation will provide a sense of the direction of the State Historical Society of the new century – especially as we North Dakotans prepare for the national bicentennial celebration of the Lewis & Clark Corps of Discovery from 2003 through 2006.

The people have committed substantial resources to history. And the return on their investment is obvious:

- In the collections we care for.
- The museums and sites we manage.
- The historic properties we help to preserve.
- The educational programs we present.
- And the impact of history and heritage tourism on the economic vitality of North Dakota.

But, we realize that we must adapt and change if we are going continue to meet the needs of the people. To that end we implemented a legislative directive that was included in our appropriation for this biennium by completing an agency self-assessment last spring. We submitted that report in June although we were unable to present the findings at that time during a meeting of the Legislative Budget Section. Just recently we followed up the self-assessment with a series of “Community Conversations” in nine cities and towns throughout the State to talk to the people about what they want their state historical society to do in the new century.

The self-assessment produced some interesting conclusions:

- First, the current organizational structure is working efficiently and the Society is able to accomplish a large-number of inter-related programs due to an integrated, flexible staffing structure. However, we realize that we must continue to build collaborative efforts with other agencies and entities to more fully implement the Society’s mission.
- Second, while the agency’s ability to inform the public on current programs and services has improved, we must continue to develop and expand our public information and marketing efforts.

3<sup>rd</sup> and implement a cyclical maintenance and repair program for these historic resources.

- Fourth, we must implement technological improvements in order to provide enhanced public access to historical data and to collections information.
- And fifth, while it is important to assure that state appropriations are available to provide the core support for the agency, the Society and its fund-raising foundation must develop alternative funding sources to supplement the state's investment..

The "Community Conversations" reflected a series of recurring themes:

- Provide leadership and technical assistance for local museums and historic properties in marketing, fund-raising, preservation, and interpretation.
- Enhance accessibility in – and continue improvements at – the state historic sites especially those most directly affected by the Lewis & Clark Bicentennial celebration.
- Cooperate and coordinate with groups throughout the state to promote local events and sites.
- Enhance and expand the statewide traveling exhibits program and provide interpretive materials – including exhibits – for use by museums statewide in promoting sites and activities relating to the Lewis & Clark Bicentennial celebration.
- Enhance outreach efforts to the schools throughout the state.
- Enhance the use of technology to provide access to information and collections data.
- And educate the public about the value of history and historic preservation to the economic, social, and cultural well-being of North Dakota.

- And specifically regarding the Lewis & Clark Bicentennial celebrations:
  - ▶ Establish a central coordinating clearing house for the Lewis & Clark Bicentennial celebrations.
  - ▶ Develop an exhibit project to place Lewis & Clark in the larger context of “contest for empire” in the region encompassing the northern Plains states and the prairie provinces.
  - ▶ Develop exhibits on historic sites of importance in understanding the Lewis & Clark experience and locate them at ‘gateway’ points where people will be entering the state.
  - ▶ And implement appropriate interpretation at the North Dakota Heritage Center and at historic sites on the Lewis & Clark National Historic Trail.

Both efforts have provided invaluable data on the people’s perspective of the Society including: their enduring interest in North Dakota’s history; and their expectation that the Society must continue to exercise active statewide leadership in the preservation, promotion, and interpretation of North Dakota’s history. These findings will have a direct, significant impact on development of an agency strategic long-range plan which is currently underway.

### **General Budget Overview**

This year the State Historical Society is 104 years old. Since 1895 its mission has been to identify, interpret, preserve, and promote the heritage of North Dakota and its people.

We are the state’s comprehensive history agency headquartered at the North Dakota Heritage Center. Realizing that the state cannot cover all costs associated with the mission, during the current biennium the Society has cooperated and partnered with the State Historical Society of North Dakota Foundation, at least nine state agencies, and 29 other agencies and entities – public and private – on heritage education and historic preservation programs and services.

Utilizing these partnerships and our 1997-1999 state appropriations, we have been able to provide the following to people of North Dakota:

- the State Historic Preservation Office.
- the State Archives.
- Pembina State Museum and 56 state historic sites.
- And a wide variety of programs and services by a professional staff of fifty-four full-time and 30 part-time employees. We also have a volunteer corps of more than 200 people who gave nearly 24,000 hours of invaluable support this biennium to the Society.

Over 430,000 people visited our museums and sites over the last two years. About 115,000 people annually visit the two year-around state museums – the North Dakota Heritage Center and the Pembina State Museum. The Society also operates a state-wide system of 56 historic sites. Over 100,000 people each year visit the nine sites which are staffed during the May through September visitor season.

We offer a Traveling Exhibits Program which was viewed by 135,000 visitors annually in libraries, local historical societies and museums, nursing homes, and other locations throughout the state. And last year almost 6,000 students across the state enjoyed the SEND – or Suitcase Exhibits for North Dakota – Program which features traveling exhibit trunks for use in the schools. For your information, today in the Great Hall we are featuring one of these traveling exhibits – *German-Russian Architecture* – and two SEND exhibits: *Ethnic Traditions* and *Mandan, Hidatsa, Arikara*. I urge you to stop by and see them.

During the biennium the Society publishing program continued to produce the only statewide history publication – the quarterly journal *North Dakota History* as well as other publications such as *Sacred Beauty: Quillwork of Plains Women*.

The State Historical Society also offered a wide variety of public programs at our museums and historic sites for almost 25,000 people last year including Heritage

Outbound tours, History Alive!, Dakota Folks, Dakota Kids Camp, and last Friday's Kids Night at the Museum. Working with the North Dakota Geological Survey we had nearly 800 kids and their families in the Heritage Center who had educational fun in a program titled *Dinosaurs and Other Fossil Dudes*. During the biennium the Society conducted Local History Council workshops and technical assistance throughout the state and with funding from the North Dakota Humanities Council hosted two statewide history conferences, teacher workshops, and lectures statewide.

Museum staff provided reference services to the state's extensive artifact collection of over 700,000 artifacts. The State Archives and Historical Research Library handled over 20,000 requests in the last two years from family history researchers, historians, and others from throughout the state, the US, Canada and other foreign countries for use of the government records, manuscripts, oral histories, photographs, and other materials.

The State Historic Preservation Office continued to administer the programs mandated by the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 including:

- The National Register of Historic Places.
- Cultural site review for federal agencies.
- Maintenance of data bases of historic and archaeological sites.
- And the tax certification process. Since 1978 this program has assisted in the rehabilitation of 970 housing units in 49 projects generating \$49.5 million dollars in construction activity. In the current biennium six projects with 72 housing units generated \$12 million in construction and more than 165,000 hours of construction employment activity.

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### Optional Adjustments

The Executive Budget recommends funding of the first four optional adjustments. These will effectively reinstate all items cut to reach the 95% level as directed by the Governor including:

- \$39,100 for temporary exhibits production at the North Dakota Heritage Center.
- \$21,734 for public programming at our museums and state historic sites.
- \$50,145 for one FTE Microfilm Technician position which is responsible for all microfilm activities for the Society.
- \$232,658 for keep open four of the nine state historic sites I mentioned earlier. These four would be closed under the 95% budget: Fort Clark, Fort Abercrombie, Whitestone Hill Battlefield, and Gingras Trading Post.

The executive budget recommendation does not include any other proposed optional adjustments to the agency budget – although we certainly have other critical operating needs to address.

### Capital Budget Requests

The Agency Executive Budget contains recommendations for capital improvements at five state historic sites totaling \$1,010,900:

- Priority #1 is \$508,000 for Fort Totten Development – to do restoration work on three of sixteen original structures.
- Priority #2 is \$85,000 for Fort Clark Archaeology & Development – to initiate archaeology and structural outline development for the trade-related structures of Fort Clark and Primeau's Post.

- Priority #3 is \$100,000 for the Fort Buford Officer-of-the-Day Building Completion & Road Elimination – to complete restoration of the Officer-of-the-Day Building (one of the very few original structures left on site) and removal of a modern roadbed through the site.
- Priority #4 is \$190,000 for Gingras Trading Post Planning & Design – to conduct archaeological investigation and site development.
- Priority #5 is \$32,900 for the Chateau de Mores Interpretive Center Structural Investigation – to determine steps necessary to halt further deterioration in the visitor center and to improve environmental conditions, security and access for the disabled.
- Priority #6 is \$95,000 for the Chateau de Mores Water System Repair/Replacement – to evaluate and upgrade the existing water system and design and install a detection/suppression system in the Chateau and other buildings.

### **Lewis & Clark Bicentennial Budget Requests**

Four years from this month North Dakota and the nation will embark on a major celebration of the Lewis & Clark Bicentennial. Working closely with the Tourism Department, the Parks & Recreation Department and other agencies to develop Lewis & Clark enhancements, we have proposed a list of capital improvements and programmatic opportunities at selected key sites.

But, first we would like to share with you some treasures of the Lewis & Clark era which are held in trust for the people of North Dakota by the State Historical Society. Our staff are going to bring around some rare artifacts for your review.

- First, an original, first edition, 1807 copy of *A Journal of the voyages and travels of a corps of discovery* by Patrick Gass. Gass was the only member of the Lewis & Clark Expedition to publish his journal.



- Second, glass trade beads circa 1650 to 1725. These were part of an extensive trade network which Lewis & Clark commented on in their journey through the state.
- Third, a James Madison trade medal. This was one of the peace medals given to Native American chiefs about ten years after Lewis & Clark came through North Dakota. This one was found at Fort Clark State Historic Site and dates from about 1814. It is one of only seven known to exist.
- And fourth, an original George Catlin piece entitled *Catlin Dining with Mah-to-toh-pa or Four Bears, July 1832, at the Mandan Village, Upper Missouri*. This scene takes place at Fort Clark where Catlin produced most of his works.

We have three other treasures on the Missouri River which lie within the Missouri River Corridor of the Lewis & Clark National Historic Trail and which have close geographical associations with other significant sites connected with Lewis & Clark. All three state historic sites are potentially eligible for National Historic Landmark status.

- *Fort Buford* is a classic frontier fort located at the Confluence of the Missouri and Yellowstone rivers near the site of several early trading posts. The proposed budget recommends \$519,000 for:
  - ▶ Construction of restrooms at Confluence Park and interpretive and directional signage throughout the site.
  - ▶ Parking & roads improvements.
  - ▶ And, reconstruction of the original Field Officers Quarters (now known as the Brotherton Quarters) – the structure at which Chief Sitting Bull surrendered in 1881.
- *Fort Clark* was established in 1830 and named in honor of William Clark, who became governor of Missouri Territory in 1813. It is one of the most important archaeological sites in North Dakota. The executive budget recommendation proposes \$84,000 for:

- ▶ Construction of interpretive shelters, site signage and visitor facilities.
- ▶ And, construction of an overlook and visitor shelter to view the general location of historic Fort Mandan where the Lewis & Clark Corps of Discovery spent the winter 1804-1805.
- *Double Ditch Indian Village* was noted by Lewis & Clark as an abandoned village on the Missouri River. It includes the remains of earthlodges, fortification ditches, and refuse mounds made by the Mandan Indians between A.D. 1600 and 1781. The proposed budget includes a recommendation of \$62,000 for:
  - ▶ Fencing around the property.
  - ▶ And a new roadway and parking lot.

The proposed Lewis & Clark enhancements call for \$278,900 for new exhibits including:

- A revision of the *Frontier* permanent exhibit in the North Dakota Heritage Center to address the Lewis & Clark Expedition.
- And three traveling exhibits:
  - ▶ *The Confluence Area Campsites*
  - ▶ *Missouri River: Lifeline to the Northern Plains*
  - ▶ And *Finding North Dakota: 250 Years of Mapping*

The proposed budget also includes \$66,000 funding for educational programming including teacher workshops, the state history conference, expansion of the SEND program, and Dakota Kids Camp.

And, finally, the proposed budget includes \$ 106,000 in additional seasonal maintenance and interpretive staffing for Fort Buford and Fort Clark, as well as seasonal maintenance support for five sites in the Bismarck region on or near the Lewis & Clark National Historic Trail.

**Conclusion**

Mr. Chairman, this concludes my testimony. I now welcome questions from the committee. I do have front line staff people here with me today to assist me in answering any of your questions.

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**Samuel J. Wegner**  
**Superintendent**  
**The State Historical Society of North Dakota**



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January 12, 1999

Sam Wegner  
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Dear Sam,

We thought it was important to contact you early in the session to identify our organization's support for the budget proposal put forward by the Governor. It seems to be reasonable and offers protection for the over-all mission of preserving and developing our sites. Our chamber sees tremendous potential for the development of historic tourism. Historic tourism is one of the fastest growing areas in all the varied tourism opportunities available to today's consumers.

The agencies' improved responsiveness to our communities' goal of completing the restoration of Fort Totten State Historical Site is very encouraging. We look forward to continuing our work and we are excited about the increased awareness the Lewis & Clark Promotion should produce. If we can be of any further assistance throughout the session please let me know.

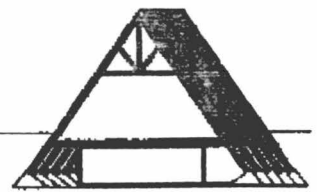
Sincerely,



Randy Frost  
Executive Vice President

# THREE AFFILIATED TRIBES MUSEUM INC.

New Town, North Dakota 58763 701-627-4646



January 13, 1999

Mr. Samuel J. Wegner, Superintendent  
State Historical Society of North Dakota  
612 East Boulevard Avenue  
Bismarck ND 58505-0830

Dear Mr. Wegner:

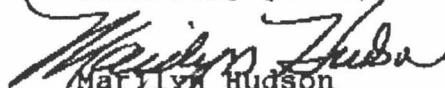
New Year greetings to you and your staff. We stand on an exciting crossroads of time - out with the old century and in with the new. This particular moment in time poses real challenges for all of us and to you and and historical society in particular as we remember North Dakota's eventful past and plan for its hopeful future.

We congratulate you on your efforts to involve all North Dakotans, young and old, rural and urban, in this effort. I am sure that many great ideas were presented at the "Community Conversations" held in various parts of our state and out of this will come a vision for the future.

We know that adequate funding will be needed to achieve the goals envisioned by the Historical Society and that your office will be working with the Legislature in its 1999-2001 budget session. We stand on the threshold of a bright new century. There is an excitement in the air, a new energy, and an anticipation of putting new ideas in place. We urge that the legislators of the State of North Dakota place great emphasis on the financial needs of your organization in their budget planning.

We look forward to a continued partnership as we go forward on the path to the new century.

Sincerely yours,

  
Marilyn Hudson  
Administrator

# National Buffalo Museum

National Buffalo Museum  
P.O. Box 1712  
Jamestown, ND 58402-1712

Phone: 701-252-8648

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January 13, 1999

Mr. Samuel J. Wegner, Superintendent  
State Historical Society of ND  
North Dakota Heritage Center  
612 East Boulevard Ave.  
Bismarck, ND 58505-0830

Dear Mr. Wegner:

It seems that, no matter how strong the intentions, adequate efforts are never made to recognize individuals and/or institutions whose work and contributions reach above and beyond the call of duty.

It was a tremendous year for the National Buffalo Museum and we owe a debt of gratitude to the State Historical Society (SHS), for we are most certain that the *Chippewa Beadwork* Exhibit contributed a great deal to this successful outcome. Among other things, the Museum's attendance increased by 27% over 1997. Of course, we are extremely proud of this increase and I could not close the book on 1998 without extending one more thank you to you and everyone in the Museum Division for making it possible for us to host the beadwork exhibit.

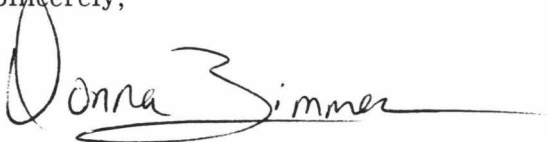
What many people might not be aware of is the fact that the *Chippewa Beadwork* Exhibit was just one in a long list of contributions that the SHS has made to the National Buffalo Museum. Whether it's one of the countless times that the Local History Council has provided training and/or workshops for staff, one of the many traveling exhibits that the Museum Division has provided for the National Buffalo Museum's summer tourist season, one of the many times that someone from the SHS has driven to Jamestown on their own time (without reimbursement) to give a presentation or lead a discussion group, or one of the many times that someone has offered technical assistance over the phone; these are all ways that the Society has contributed to the National Buffalo Museum.

The National Buffalo Museum is just one institution. I can't imagine what it must take to provide this type of support to all of the other museums, historical societies, and historic sites across the state. Your holdings alone include 56 historic sites (nine of which have museums), two state museum, and 16 traveling exhibits and that's to say nothing of all of the private institutions (such as the National Buffalo Museum) that you reach out to. The State Historical Society of North Dakota is truly one of the best kept

secrets that our state has. It amazes me that a state so rich in history and heritage can be so oblivious to what the six divisions of the Society do each year to educate, interpret, and preserve the history of this state. I think that "Community Conversations" was a positive step toward developing some recognition, as well as, gaining valuable ideas, yet there is much to be done.

Mr. Wegner, I hope you know that the Board of Directors for the North Dakota Buffalo Foundation and myself applaud the efforts and accomplishments of the SHS and we will do whatever we can to assist you with future endeavors for the State Historical Society of North Dakota. We truly appreciate all that you have done for the National Buffalo Museum.

Sincerely,

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Donna Zimmerman  
Director



# Steele County Historical Society

Museum ♦ Cultural Center ♦ Archives

January 14, 1999

To: North Dakota State Legislators

From: Russell Ford-Dunker - Museum/Artistic Director  
Local History Council Representative

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Cc: Samuel Wegner - Superintendent, State Historical Society of North Dakota

Re: Support for State Historical Society of North Dakota and Local Historical Societies

As you probably know, we are very fortunate here in North Dakota to have a State Historical Society that has been in existence nearly as long as the state itself. Near the end of the last century, your predecessors had the foresight to establish a state agency charged with the stewardship of our collective heritage. They have done a superb job of it - at times with very limited funds - and today our great state owns an enviable historical collection that is housed in a world-class facility just a few steps from the Capitol, as well as numerous historic sites around the state. These collections, which range from ancient artifacts to recent legislative documents, are cared for by a competent professional staff, and are accessible to educators, researchers, all North Dakota citizens, and visitors from around the globe.

We have a right to be proud of what the State Historical Society has accomplished (and preserved) in this past century. At the same time, this legislature needs to approach this impending century with understanding and vision similar to that which has enabled these significant achievements.

Our rich heritage is one of our greatest assets as a state. As you well know, with ownership comes responsibility. Simply preserving what has already been collected is a huge responsibility. As time passes, it is the essence of historical collections both to deteriorate due to the laws of nature, and to grow in size as new pieces of our past are added. Knowing this, it is important to recognize that this agency, by its very nature is going to require a commitment to ever increasing levels of funding - if we are going to handle our heritage in a merely acceptable, let alone exemplary manner.

There has been a lot of talk lately on both the state and national levels regarding the need for improvements, increased funding, etc. in the area of education. We agree. We urge you as legislators to bear in mind as you consider the crucial educational issues of our time that museums, archives, libraries, and cultural organizations are extremely important parts of our educational infrastructure. It is just as important to invest in them as it is to



invest in schools and teachers, and perhaps more important to the future of our state than roads and water projects.

Strong links exist between our schools, local historical societies, and the State Historical Society of North Dakota. Those of us who do history on a local level, in each and every district of the state, depend on the State Historical Society in a number of ways. Our missions are virtually identical, except our focus is limited to a small section of the state, while theirs covers the whole. I might add that in some cases, local historical societies are able to reciprocate and assist the State Historical Society.

We rely on the State Historical Society for leadership, technical assistance, training workshops, traveling exhibits, research assistance, photo lab services, outreach programs, disaster recovery, the annual History Conference, and facilitation of the Local History Council. It would be very difficult for us to operate on the local level without help from the state level.

The Local History Council has been advocating initiation of a state funded re-granting program for local historical societies to be administered by the State Historical Society or some other entity – similar to grant programs in nearby states such as Minnesota, Iowa, and Wisconsin. This would also be analogous to the North Dakota Council on the Arts grants, wherein a combination of Federal and State money is re-granted to local arts agencies.

Funding for such a program has been included in State Historical Society enhancement budgets in recent bienniums, but it is yet to be realized. This would be an important step forward in our ability to take better care of our rich heritage, and to share that heritage through educational and cultural programs statewide. We urge consideration of this item along with the whole of the State Historical Society budget.

Again, we appreciate the wisdom North Dakota legislators have shown historically in recognizing the importance of keeping a historical record and providing quality educational opportunities for our citizens. The challenges we face right now and in the coming century are great. So are the potential rewards.

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January 15, 1999

Mr. Sam Wegner  
ND State Historical Society  
612 E Boulevard Ave – ND Heritage Center  
Bismarck ND 58505-0830



RE: Executive Recommended Budget for State Historical Society

Dear Sam,

On behalf of the Williston Area Economic Development Partnership, we'd like to go on record in support of the executive recommended budget for the State Historical Society including the Lewis & Clark Initiative.

It has been a pleasure to work with you as the new director of the agency and the relationships that you have been willing to develop by working with the various stakeholders in our community.

The upcoming Bicentennial of the Lewis & Clark expedition is a significant event for us as we are not only along that corridor, but the significant events that occurred at the Confluence at that time as a part of their expedition are worthy of interpreting for the visiting public. We encourage the legislature to support this package.

I think the State Historical Society has lived in isolation for too long from the tourism industry and I believe your leadership will help to bring that marriage together such that we can increase traffic to these sites as well as making the improvements necessary to accommodate the visitors.

Thank you for your interest in history and our part of the state. We look forward to working with you in the future.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Thomas C. Rolfstad".

Thomas C. Rolfstad, Director  
Williston Economic Development

REQUEST TO EMERGENCY COMMISSION  
 STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA  
 SFN 2580 (4-92)

RECEIVED 1207 #7

Dept. No. 701	Department Name State Historical Society of North Dakota	MAR 16 1999	Date March 10, 1999
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The Emergency Commission may approve an increase in appropriation authority and SEC. OF STATE at the end of the present biennium.  
Employees (FTE)

Present FTE's	Previous Emergency Commission Authorization for FTE's	This Request
54	0	0

Will the agency request this program continue in the next biennium?  No  Yes

Will this program require state general funds for match?  No  Yes

If yes, estimate the additional general funds needed to continue in the next biennium. \_\_\_\_\_

If ALL questions are not answered the forms will be returned to the agency.

PART A. REQUEST FOR AN INCREASE IN APPROPRIATION LINE ITEM:

Federal Funds-New,  Federal Funds-Continue Existing Prog.,  Pass-Thr. Funds,  State Contingency Funds,  Other-Explain

Line Item Description	Amount
Equipment	\$4900.00

PART B. REQUEST FOR CHANGE IN CURRENT APPROPRIATION LINE ITEM (Intra-Agency Line Item Transfer):

FROM - Line Item Description	TO - Line Item Description	Amount
Equipment	Operating	\$34,886.00

Narrative description: (attach separate sheets if necessary)

The increased funding authorization request is to allow for the receipt of grant funds of \$4900 from the US Fish and Wildlife. This funding would allow for additional shelving to accommodate archeological collections received from the US Fish and Wildlife in connection with a curation agreement for the protection of collections.

The line item transfer is to deal with federal funding from the US Bureau of Reclamation. This shift is needed to deal with changes in expenditures. Equipment costs were lower than anticipated due to bids coming in for the associated equipment at lower than budgeted costs. However operating costs for the project have been higher due to higher than anticipated costs for services from the Information Services Division to install, implement and troubleshoot the new

*Robert J. Robinson*  
 Authorized Department Signature

computers and inventory system. A larger than anticipated amount of the grant was also applicable to operating costs associated with the contract amount for the collections management system. These funds relate to the Bureau of Reclamation grant previously approved by the Emergency Commission to provide funding for shelving, collections movement and a collection records management system.

Testimony in Support of SB2020  
By  
Art Todd  
Member of the State Historical Board

Chairman Nething and Members of the Senate Appropriations Committee

For the record, my name is Art Todd. I am from Jamestown and I am an appointed member of the State Historical Board. I am here to testify in support of S.B. 2020. I have appeared before this committee in the past in support of the budget for the State Historical Society and I do so again today.

I have been a member of this board for a number of years serving from 1980-1984 and again from 1993 to the present including two terms as its President. I believe strongly in the agency and its mission which is to preserve, protect and interpret North Dakota's rich heritage for the benefit of current and future generations.

Since 1993 the board of the agency has been restructured and down sized to help better meet our customer's demands. The directors of Parks and Recreation and Tourism have joined the ranks of the ex-officio members, along with the director of Transportation, the Secretary of State and the State Treasurer. 7 appointed members fill out the membership.

The current board make up is perhaps the best mix of individuals and functional responsibilities in place in the history of the agency to best meet the challenges and demands of the new millennium.

History sells and North Dakota is fortunate to have a wealth of historic sites and artifacts, which are closely tied to major events in the history of our nation. The bicentennial of Lewis and Clark presents perhaps the most significant potential for our state to capitalize on the influx of tourists to arise in our state's lifetime. North Dakota must be ready for this influx and the State Historical Society is a key component in attracting these tourists and providing them with a meaningful experience when they are here. While they are here they will spend money and hopefully they will want to return. To achieve this, we, must present and interpret our state historic sites and representative artifacts in the best possible manner.

I can speak first hand to the value of the services that the State Historical Society provides to North Dakotans. During the 1998 tourist season the National Buffalo Museum in Jamestown featured the world class Chippewa Bead work exhibit which was produced by the Historical Society staff using items from the states collection. This exhibit was featured at the museum along with White Cloud, one of only 3 true white buffalo known to exist on our continent. White Cloud is a member of the Jamestown buffalo herd. Visitation to the museum increased by 25-30% during this past tourist season. A large part of the increase in visitation is attributed to this truly outstanding exhibit. The society assists other museums

and institutions with special traveling exhibits all over the state. This is just one of the many services the Society offers to our citizens and institutions. The Buffalo Museum, for example, is able to display many artifacts that are on loan from the agency.

Mr. Sam Wegner, the new superintendent of the State Historical Society has previously addressed you regarding the agency, its future plans, and its budget. I was a member of the search committee, which was charged with finding an individual to replace Mr. Jim Sperry who had served the agency for the past 34 years. The task was a difficult one, but we ultimately succeeded and brought Sam on board. We were all highly impressed with Sam's passion for history, his background and track record in previous employment and his focus on the necessity to provide quality service to his customers, in this case, the citizens of North Dakota. He is a strong believer in outreach and reacting to constructive feedback. The State Historical Board is looking to Sam's leadership to transition the agency into the next millennium which will include the Lewis and Clark bicentennial celebration as well as significant efforts to enhance the other products and services the agency provides not only to our citizens but to those individuals visiting our state to experience a sense of the events that occurred within our boundaries, some of which in turn impacted the course of our nation.

I am pleased to have had the opportunity to be closely associated with this agency and its evolution over the past 20 or so years and I look forward to the

exciting new leadership and the future development of the agency to meet the demands and challenges of the 21<sup>st</sup> century.

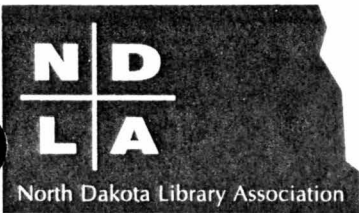
Your support of S.B. 2020 as proposed in the Executive Budget will assist us in meeting both the demands of our citizens and those of visitors to our state seeking to experience its vast heritage and more specifically, in the short term, to grasp the Lewis and Clark adventure.

I, or any of the board or staff present, will be happy to answer any questions you might have.

Thank you.



SP 2020  
1/15/99



Testimony  
to Senate Appropriations Committee  
1-15-99

Chairman Nething, and members of the Committee, my name is Barbara Knight, from Grand Forks. I am president of the North Dakota Library Association and am representing its 389 members who are librarians and library supporters from both large and small communities throughout the state.

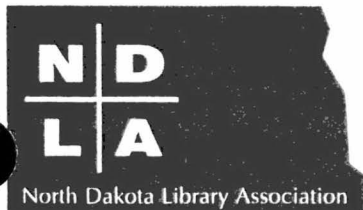
Attached to my testimony is a fact sheet outlining the association's legislative concerns.

The members of the North Dakota Library Association would like to encourage the inclusion of funds in the budget of the State Archives and Historical Research Library to include the cataloging records of their collection in the ODIN database. The State Archives and Historical Research Library had requested \$118,000 in their enhancement budget for this project, however, the Governor's Executive Budget did not recommend funding.

Please consider funding for this project which would allow anyone, with Internet capability, studying our state, access to the unique resources held in this library.

Thank you for your time and attention.

Barbara Knight, President NDLA



## *NDLA Fact Sheet -- January, 1999*

### **WHO ARE WE:**

NDLA, the North Dakota Library Association, is the North Dakota affiliate of ALA, the American Library Association.

*The purpose of the organization is to exercise professional leadership and to promote library services and librarianship. Our membership is open to any person or organization interested in supporting the purpose of the Association.*

**How many are we:** 389 members belong to NDLA and its 10 divisions which represent: public libraries, school libraries, small libraries, academic & special libraries, health science information, government document information, information technology, technical services, new member services, and library trustees.

**What is unique about us:** Each of us represents an individual library with similar and yet unique missions. Because of that we sometimes see issues from a view point representative of our unique customers - much like legislators view issues from different perspectives.

**Why are you hearing from us:** At NDLA's 1998 annual conference the membership voted to adopt the following resolutions, which represent priority concerns of the membership:

### **Resolutions:**

\* Recommend full funding for the 1999-2001 biennium in legislation to support statewide library networking and services outlined in Library Vision 2004 and communicate this position to the Governor's Office.

**Info:** This biennium the State Library asked for \$125,000 as a line item and an additional \$125,000 in its supplemental budget request to continue LV2004 goals and objectives. The Governor's Executive Budget accepted both, recommending \$250,000. This will allow us to begin implementation of Phase 2 of Library Vision 2004.

\* Encourage the North Dakota Legislative body to fully fund State Aid to Public Libraries at \$1.6 million in the 1999-2000 legislative session.

**Info:** The State Library requested \$1 million; the Governor's Executive Budget recommends \$887,300.

\* Encourage the Office of Management and Budget, the chairs of the House and Senate appropriations committees, the Lieutenant Governor, and the Governor to appropriate funds for the inclusion of the holdings of the State Archives and Historical Research Library in the ODIN database.

\* Ask the Legislative Council to study the issues of preservation and extended access to state publications in electronic format and report its findings and recommendations, together with any implementing legislation, to the Fifth-seventh Legislative Assembly.

\* Encourage the North Dakota legislature to retain mill-levy funding.

\* Maintain that the school library media specialist's credential guidelines and rules remain high or be raised even higher.

### **??More Information??**

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**Testimony of Kristie Frieze, ND Lewis & Clark Interpretive Center, Washburn,  
In Favor of SB 2020, House Appropriations, Education and Environment**

Madam Chairman, and members of the Committee, my name is Kristie Frieze, and I am director of the North Dakota Lewis and Clark Interpretive Center at Washburn. With me today is Dana Bischke, Development Director of our Foundation. I also bring you regards from our chairman, David Borlaug, who is out of state this week.

Our Center, and our Foundation, strongly support Senate Bill 2020, providing funding for the State Historical Society of North Dakota. In particular, the budget enhancements dedicated to site improvements and minimal programming at key Lewis and Clark sites are critically important at this time.

Our Foundation, while a private non-profit, works very closely with a number of state and federal agencies. While the owners of our facility in Washburn, and thus are partners, are the Parks and Recreation Department, we also enjoy an excellent relationship with the State Historical Society. They will be very involved in planned improvements to our own facility in Washburn.

While Washburn is the home of Fort Mandan, the most famous Lewis and Clark site of all, North Dakota is home to many other historically significant sites under the Historical Society's direction, including Double Ditch, Fort Buford and Fort Clark. We are very pleased to see this state agency taking a proactive stance on protecting, preserving and interpreting these sites. They will all be enjoying a huge increase in visitation...and not just leading up to and including the Bicentennial years...but for years and years to come.

The work of the State Historical Society is vitally important to North Dakota. We have a big responsibility to properly interpret our Lewis and Clark sites for the multitude of visitors...those coming now and the many more to come in the future. Your approval of Senate Bill 2020 will help ensure that North Dakota is ready.

Thank you.



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**SB 2020**

**House Appropriations Committee  
Education & Environment Subdivision  
March 2, 1999 Hearing**

*Testimony of Samuel J. Wegner  
Society Superintendent & State Historic Preservation Officer  
State Historical Society of North Dakota*

**Introduction**

Madame Chairman – and members of the committee - my name is Sam Wegner. I am the new superintendent of the State Historical Society of North Dakota. I came here in August of last year from Williamsburg, Virginia.

For 23 years I have worked in museums and historical societies all over the country: in West Virginia, Wisconsin, Missouri, Oregon, and Virginia. From my observations over the past few months, the Legislative Assembly and the people of North Dakota have every reason to be proud of your state historical society. It is an excellent, comprehensive cultural resource agency – as fine as any in the United States. Indeed, the Society has just received national recognition in support of this observation with professional reaccreditation of the North Dakota Heritage Center by the American Association of Museums. The Heritage Center remains the only professionally accredited museum in North Dakota and is one of only 790 – or less than 10% – of all the museums in the United States to be so honored.

I welcome this opportunity to speak to you on behalf of the Society about our stewardship of the people's past – as well as our agency's budget proposal. And, I hope that this presentation will provide a sense of the direction of the State Historical Society of the new century – especially as we North Dakotans prepare for the national bicentennial celebration of the Lewis & Clark Corps of Discovery from 2003 through 2006.

The people have invested substantial resources in history. And the return on their investment is obvious:

- In the collections we care for.
- The museums and sites we manage.
- The historic properties we help to preserve.
- The educational programs we present.
- And the impact of history and heritage tourism on the economic vitality of North Dakota.

But, we realize that we must adapt and change if we are going continue to meet the needs of the people. To that end we implemented a legislative directive by completing an agency self-assessment last spring. We submitted that report in June although we were unable to present the findings at that time during a meeting of the Legislative Council Budget Section. Just recently we followed up the self-assessment with a series of “*Community Conversations*” in nine cities and towns throughout the State to talk to the people about what they want their state historical society to do in the new century.

The self-assessment produced several conclusions:

- First, the current organizational structure is working efficiently and the Society is able to accomplish a large number of inter-related programs due to an integrated, flexible staffing structure. However, we realize that we must continue to build collaborative efforts with other agencies and entities to more fully implement the Society’s mission.
- Second, while the agency’s ability to inform the public on current programs and services has improved, we must continue to develop and expand our public information and marketing efforts.
- Third, although we do the best we can with available funding for the maintenance and upkeep of the state historic sites, we need a comprehensive study to establish and implement a cyclical maintenance and repair program for these historic resources.

- Fourth, we must implement technological improvements to provide enhanced public access to historical data and to collections information.
- And fifth, while it is important to ensure that state appropriations are available to provide the core support for the agency, the Society and its fund-raising foundation must develop alternative funding sources to supplement the state's investment.

The "*Community Conversations*" reflected a series of recurring themes:

- Provide leadership and technical assistance for local museums and historic properties in marketing, fund-raising, preservation, and interpretation.
- Enhance accessibility in – and continue improvements at – the state historic sites especially those most directly affected by the Lewis & Clark Bicentennial celebration.
- Cooperate and coordinate with groups throughout the state to promote local events and sites.
- Enhance and expand the statewide traveling exhibits program and provide interpretive materials – including exhibits – for use by museums statewide in promoting sites and activities relating to the Lewis & Clark Bicentennial celebration.
- Enhance outreach efforts to the schools throughout the state.
- Enhance the use of technology to provide access to information and collections data.
- Educate the public about the value of history and historic preservation to the economic, social, and cultural well-being of North Dakota.
- And specifically regarding the Lewis & Clark Bicentennial celebrations:
  - Establish a central coordinating clearing house for the Lewis & Clark Bicentennial celebrations.

- Develop an exhibit project to place Lewis & Clark in the larger context of “contest for empire” in the region encompassing the northern Plains states and the prairie provinces.
- Develop exhibits on historic sites of importance in understanding the Lewis & Clark experience and locate them at ‘gateway’ points where people will be entering the states.
- And implement appropriate interpretation at the North Dakota Heritage Center and at historic sites on the Lewis & Clark National Historic Trail.

Both efforts have provided invaluable data on the people’s perspective of the Society including: their enduring interest in North Dakota’s history; and their expectation that the Society must continue to exercise active statewide leadership in the preservation, promotion, and interpretation of North Dakota’s history. These findings will have a direct, significant impact on development of an agency strategic long-range plan which is currently underway.

### **General Budget Overview**

In four years North Dakota and the nation will embark on a major celebration of the Lewis & Clark Bicentennial. As a prelude, we thought you would like to see some treasures of the Lewis & Clark period which are held in trust for the people of North Dakota by the State Historical Society. Our staff will bring around some rare artifacts for your review.

- First, an original, first edition 1807 copy of *A Journal of the voyages and travels of a corps of discovery* by Patrick Gass. Gass was the only member of the Lewis & Clark Expedition to publish his journal.
- Second, glass trade beads circa 1650 to 1725. These were part of an extensive trade network which Lewis & Clark commented on in their journey through the state.
- Third, a James Madison trade medal. This was one of the peace medals given to American Indians about ten years after Lewis & Clark came through North Dakota. This one was found at Fort Clark State Historic Site and dates from about 1814. It is one of only seven known to exist.



- And fourth, an original George Catlin piece entitled *Catlin Dining with Mah-to-toh-pa or Four Bears, July 1832, at the Mandan Village, Upper Missouri*. This scene takes place at Fort Clark where Catlin produced most of his works.

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This year the State Historical Society is 104 years old. Since 1895 its mission has been to identify, interpret, preserve, and promote the heritage of North Dakota and its people.

We are the state's comprehensive history agency headquartered at the North Dakota Heritage Center. Realizing that the state cannot cover all costs associated with the mission, during the current biennium the Society has cooperated and partnered with the State Historical Society of North Dakota Foundation, at least nine state agencies, and 29 other agencies and entities – public and private – on heritage education and historic preservation programs and services.

Utilizing these partnerships and our biennial state appropriations, we have been able to provide the following to people of North Dakota:

- the State Historic Preservation Office.
- the State Archives.
- Pembina State Museum and 56 state historic sites.
- And a wide variety of programs and services by a professional staff of fifty-four full-time and 20 part-time employees. We also have a volunteer corps of more than 200 people who gave nearly 24,000 hours of invaluable support this biennium.

Over 430,000 people visited our museums and sites in the last two years. About 115,000 people annually visit the two year-around state museums – the North Dakota Heritage Center and the Pembina State Museum. The Society also operates a state-wide system of 56 historic sites. Over 100,000 people each year visit the nine sites which are staffed during the May through September visitor season.

We offer a Traveling Exhibits Program viewed by 135,000 visitors annually in libraries, local historical societies and museums, nursing homes, and other locations throughout the state. And last year almost 6,000 students across the state enjoyed the SEND – or



Suitcase Exhibits for North Dakota – Program which features traveling exhibit trunks for use in the schools.

During the biennium the Society publishing program continued to produce the only statewide history publication – the quarterly journal *North Dakota History* as well as other publications such as *Sacred Beauty: Quillwork of Plains Women*.

The State Historical Society also offered a wide variety of public programs at our museums and historic sites to 25,000 people last year including Heritage Outbound tours, History Alive!, Dakota Folks, and Dakota Kids Camp. During the biennium the Society conducted Local History Council workshops and technical assistance throughout the state and with funding from the North Dakota Humanities Council hosted two statewide history conferences, teacher workshops, and lectures statewide.

Museum staff provided reference services to the state’s extensive artifact collection of over 1.5 million artifacts. The State Archives and Historical Research Library handled over 20,000 requests in the last two years from family history researchers, historians, and others from throughout the state, the US, Canada and other foreign countries to use the government records, manuscripts, oral histories, photographs, and other materials.

The State Historic Preservation Office continued to administer the programs mandated by the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 including:

- The National Register of Historic Places.
- Cultural site review for federal agencies.
- Maintenance of data bases of historic and archaeological sites.
- And the tax certification process. Since 1978 this program has assisted in the rehabilitation of 970 housing units in 49 projects generating \$49.5 million dollars in construction activity. In the current biennium six projects with 72 housing units generated \$12 million in construction and more than 165,000 hours of construction employment activity.

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### **Optional Adjustments**

The Executive Budget recommended funding of the first four optional adjustments. These will effectively reinstate all items cut to reach the 95% level as directed by the Governor including:

- \$39,100 for temporary exhibits production at the North Dakota Heritage Center.
- \$21,734 for public programming at our museums and state historic sites.
- \$50,145 for one FTE Microfilm Technician position which is responsible for all microfilm activities for the Society.
- \$232,658 to keep open four of the nine state historic sites I mentioned earlier. These four are: Fort Clark, Fort Abercrombie, Whitestone Hill Battlefield, and Gingras Trading Post.

The executive budget recommendation does not include any other proposed optional adjustments to the agency budget – although we definitely have other critical needs that must be addressed.

### **Capital Budget Requests**

The Agency Executive Budget contains recommendations for several capital improvements totaling \$1,010,900 including the following:

- \$508,000 for Fort Totten Development – to do restoration work on three of the sixteen original structures. The Senate reduced this by \$158,000 – leaving funding only for completion of building #4.
- Priority #2 is \$85,000 for Fort Clark Archaeology & Development – to initiate archaeology and structural outline development for the trade-related structures of Fort Clark and Primeau's Post.
- Priority #3 is \$100,000 for the Fort Buford Officer-of-the-Day Building Completion & Road Elimination. This will complete restoration of the interior of this historic structure (one of the very few original structures left on site) as well as removal of a modern roadbed through the site.

- Priority #4 is \$190,000 for Gingras Trading Post Planning & Design – to conduct archaeological investigation and site development. The Senate eliminated this item.
- Priority #5 is \$32,900 for Chateau de Mores Interpretive Center Structural Investigation – to determine steps necessary to halt further deterioration in the visitor center and to improve environmental conditions, security and access for the disabled.
- Priority #6 is \$95,000 for Chateau de Mores Water System Repair & Replacement – to evaluate and upgrade the existing water system and design and install a detection/suppression system in the Chateau and other buildings.
- We have also requested \$119,835 for extraordinary repairs to Society buildings and structures.

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### **Lewis & Clark Bicentennial Budget Requests**

In addition to the artifacts we showed you earlier, we have three other treasures on the Missouri River which are on the Lewis & Clark National Historic Trail and which have close geographical associations with other significant sites connected with Lewis & Clark. All three state historic sites are potentially eligible for National Historic Landmark status. Working closely with Tourism, Parks & Recreation, and other agencies we have proposed a list of capital improvements and programmatic opportunities at key sites.

- *Fort Buford* is a classic frontier fort at the Confluence of the Missouri and Yellowstone rivers near the site of several early trading posts. The proposed budget recommends \$519,000 for:
  - Construction of restrooms at Confluence Park, interpretive and directional signage throughout the site.
  - Parking & road improvements.
  - And, reconstruction of the original Field Officers Quarters (now known as the Brotherton Quarters) – the structure at which Chief Sitting Bull surrendered in 1881.

- *Fort Clark* was established in 1830 and named in honor of William Clark, who became governor of Missouri Territory in 1813. It is one of the most important archaeological sites in North Dakota. The executive budget recommendation proposes \$84,000 for:
  - Construction of interpretive shelters, site signage and visitor facilities.
  - And, construction of an overlook and visitor shelter to view the general location of historic Fort Mandan where the Lewis & Clark Corps of Discovery spent the winter 1804-1805.
- *Double Ditch Indian Village* was noted by Lewis & Clark as an abandoned village on the Missouri River north. It includes the remains of earthlodges, fortification ditches, and refuse mounds made by the Mandan between A.D. 1600 and 1781. The proposed budget includes a recommendation of \$62,000 for:
  - Fencing around the property.
  - And a new roadway and parking lot.

The proposed Lewis & Clark enhancements also call for \$278,900 for new exhibits including:

- A revision of the *Frontier* permanent exhibit in the North Dakota Heritage Center to address the Lewis & Clark Expedition.
- And three traveling exhibits:
  - The Confluence Area Campsites
  - *Missouri River: Lifeline to the Northern Plains*
  - And *Finding North Dakota: 250 Years of Mapping*
- The proposed budget also includes \$66,766 funding for educational programming including teacher workshops, the state history conference, expansion of the SEND program, and Dakota Kids Camp.

- And, finally, the proposed budget includes \$ 106,000 in additional seasonal maintenance and interpretive staffing for Fort Buford and Fort Clark, as well as seasonal maintenance support for five sites in the Bismarck region on or near the Lewis & Clark National Historic Trail.

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### Conclusion

Madame Chairman, this concludes my testimony. I now welcome questions. I do have some front line staff people here with me today to assist me in answering any of your questions.

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**Samuel J. Wegner**  
**Superintendent &**  
**State Historic Preservation Officer**  
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**Mission:** Founded in 1895, the State Historical Society of North Dakota is a state agency dedicated to identifying, interpreting, preserving and promoting the heritage of North Dakota and its people.

**Governing Authority:** State Historical Board.

**Appointed Members:** Beverly Kraus Horne (Devils Lake), President; Lydia Sage-Chase (Halliday), Vice President; John Von Rueden (Bismarck), Secretary; Bradley Berg (Fargo); Leon Olson (Williston); Art Todd III (Jamestown); Candyce Wood (Pembina).

**Ex-Officio Members:** Kathi Gilmore, State Treasurer; Alvin Jaeger, Secretary of State; Bob Martinson, Director of North Dakota Department of Tourism; Marshall Moore, Director of North Dakota Department of Transportation; Douglas Prchal, Director of North Dakota Department of Parks and Recreation.

**Senior Staff:** Samuel J. Wegner, Superintendent; Robert J. Schlobohm, Deputy Superintendent; Richard E. Collin, Communications Director; Claudia Berg, Acting Museum Division Director; Gerald G. Newborg, State Archives and Historical Research Library Division Director; Merlan E. Paaverud, Jr., Historic Sites Division Director and Acting Archeology and Historic Preservation Division Director; Marcia Wolter Britton, Education and Interpretation Division Director.

**Personnel Profile:** Full-time, 54; part-time, 20. Volunteer program consists of 200 people who contribute 12,000 hours annually.

**Facilities:** Two state museums; 56 state historic sites, including nine staffed during visitor season (May 16-September 15).

Total annual attendance: 215,000.

**State Museums:** North Dakota Heritage Center (Bismarck), headquarters of the State Historical Society of North Dakota; Pembina State Museum (Pembina).

**State Historic Sites Staffed:** Camp Hancock (Bismarck)\*; Chateau de Mores (Medora)\*; Former Governors' Mansion (Bismarck)\*; Fort Abercrombie (Abercrombie)\*; Fort Buford (near Williston)\*; Fort Clark (near Washburn); Fort Totten (near Devils Lake)\*; Gingras Trading Post (Walhalla)\*; Whitestone Hill Battlefield (near Kulm)\*.

\* also features visitor centers

**State Archives and Historical Research Library:** 115,000 books and periodicals; 10,000 maps; 150,000 photographic images; 1,650 historical manuscript collections; 2,800 archival records series; 1,400 titles of newspapers; 1,200 recorded oral histories; 3.5 million feet of film. Extensive genealogical resources.

**Collections:** 50,000 history, natural history and ethnology artifacts; 1.5 million archeological items. These are preserved for use in exhibitions and research, and are accessible to the public.

**Educational Activities:** Youth, family and school programs, field tours, *History Alive!* museum theater, *Dakota Folks* folklife demonstrations, film and lecture series, gallery docent demonstrations, for-credit teacher workshops, Suitcase Exhibits for North Dakota (SEND) Program for students and other learners of all ages, and the Traveling Exhibit Program which features 19 exhibits that reach 135,000 people annually throughout North Dakota. Field services for county, local and tribal historical societies statewide are provided through the North Dakota Local History Council and by State Historical Society staff. The annual Governor's Conference on North Dakota History is held each fall at the North Dakota Heritage Center.

**Publications:** Quarterly history magazine, *North Dakota History: Journal of the Northern Plains*; quarterly newsletter, *Plains Talk*. Recently published books: *Sacred Beauty: Quillwork of Plains Women* (1998); *A Traveler's Companion to North Dakota's State Historic Sites* (1996); *The Centennial Anthology of North Dakota History: Journal of the Northern Plains* (1996).

**Archeology and Historic Preservation:** By administering a federal historic preservation grant program, the State Historical Society serves as the State Historic Preservation Office and has the responsibility to identify, evaluate and protect historic properties in North Dakota. Services include evaluating architectural and archeological properties, providing assistance to historic property owners, nominating properties to the National Register of Historic Places and State Historic Sites Registry, administering the Preservation Tax Credit Program, reviewing the impact of federally-related projects on historic properties, and providing information about historic preservation and restoration.

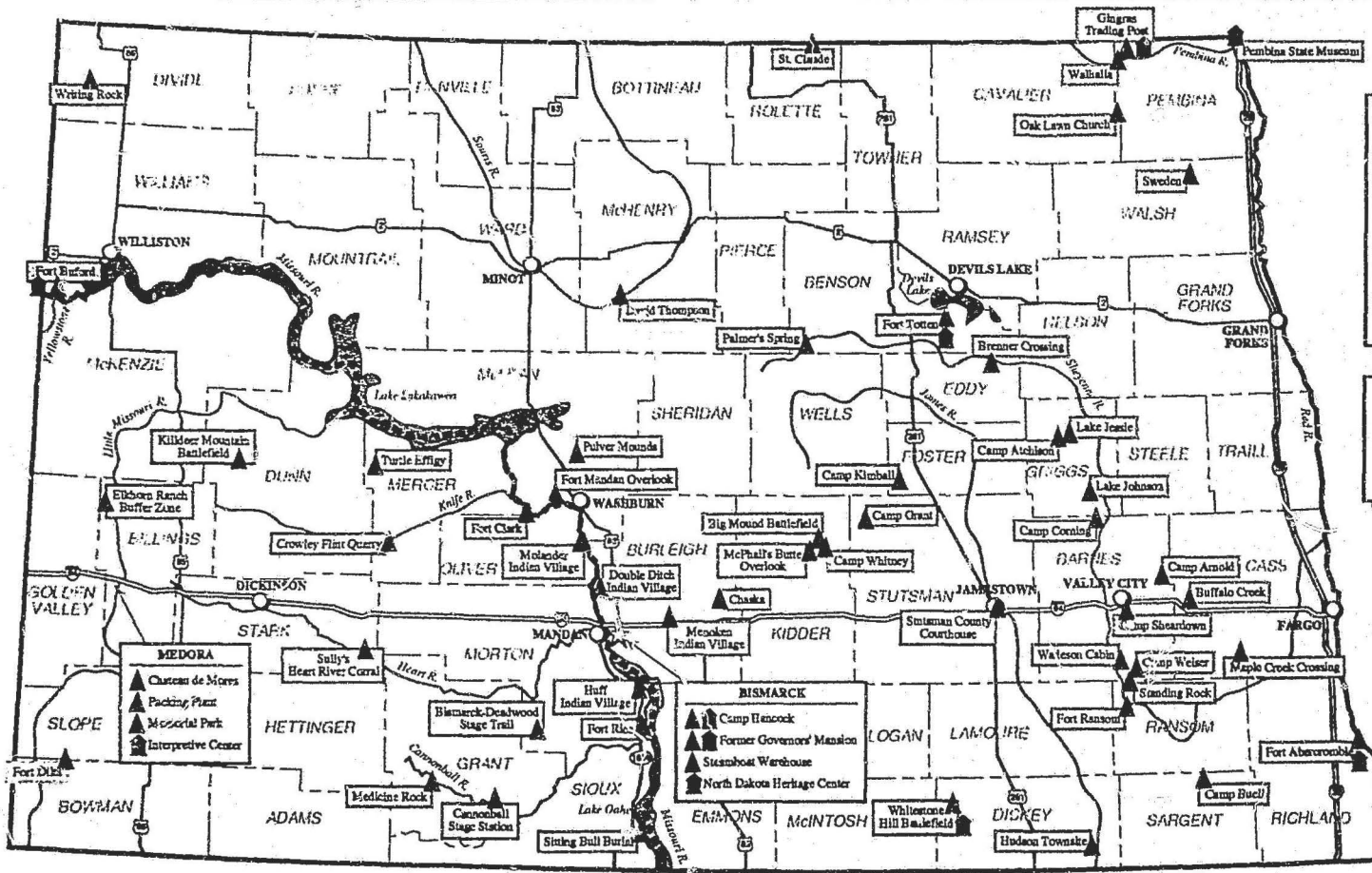
**Foundation:** The State Historical Society of North Dakota Foundation. Tax exempt, 501(c)(3). A private, non-profit organization which supports programs and activities of the State Historical Society. All members receive the quarterly publications, *North Dakota History* and *Plains Talk*. For membership information, call (701) 222-1966 or write State Historical Society of North Dakota Foundation, P.O. Box 1976, Bismarck, ND 58502.

**State Museums:** The North Dakota Heritage Center, located on the state capitol grounds in Bismarck, is the largest museum in the state. Admission is free. Open year-round, except major holidays. Opened in 1981, it features temporary and permanent exhibits that explore the story of life on the Northern Plains, from prehistory to the present. In a cooperative agreement with the North Dakota Geological Survey, the North Dakota Heritage Center houses the State Fossil Collection. It is also the home of the State Historic Preservation Office and the State Archives and Historical Research Library, where visitors research topics ranging from family roots to Northern Plains history. For more information, call (701) 328-2666.

The Pembina State Museum, located off Exit 215 on I-29 in Pembina, is open year-round, except major holidays. Opened in 1996, it includes a seven-story-high observation tower that offers a bird's-eye view of the Red River Valley and into Canada. The museum interprets 100 million years of regional history, and includes temporary and permanent exhibit galleries. Admission is free; the elevator ride to the observation tower is \$2 for adults and 50 cents for children 13 to 18. Children 12 and under ride free. For more information, call (701) 825-6840.



# North Dakota State Historic Sites & the Lewis and Clark Trail



### Legend

- North Dakota State Historic Site
- Museum/Interpretive Center
- Lewis & Clark Expedition Trail Route
- Major State Historic Sites on the Lewis & Clark Trail

**Total Visitation for 1997 and 1998:**  
430,000



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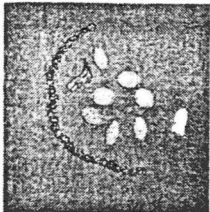
## Selected Treasures from the Era of Lewis and Clark (1803-1838) in the collections of the State Historical Society of North Dakota



**Peace medals.** Lewis and Clark and others contesting the area handed out tokens of U.S. friendship. The George III (ca. 1786-1800) and Madison peace medals (ca. 1814) held by the State Historical Society of North Dakota are original, the latter being one of 7 known to exist out of the 112 struck.

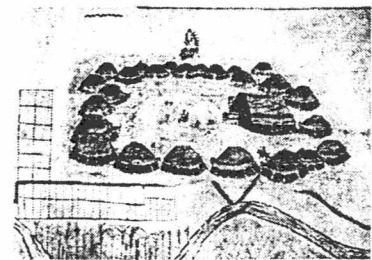


**Winter counts.** The people who met Lewis and Clark also recorded their passing. No Two Horns, a Hunkpapa Dakota, drew a variation of Blue Thunder's winter count which records that "some white people" slipped through as they counceled whether or not to permit them to go up the river. Other winter counts showing activities of the time period include "Jaw variant by No Two Horns, Hunkpapa Dakota, winter count"; "High Dog, Hunkpapa Dakota winter count"; and "Swift Dog, Hunkpapa Dakota, winter count."

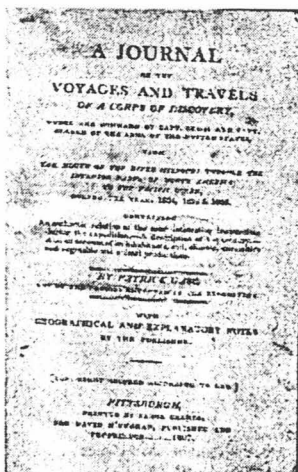


**Trade beads** recorded the extensive trade network already in place when Lewis and Clark passed through. Examples include large trade beads of white, spiral-wound glass, ca. 1650-1725.

**Pictographs** include a chart of 3 Hidatsa villages on Knife River, by Sitting Rabbit and showing Mandan villages near where Lewis and Clark camped.



The Mandan village of Deapolis was occupied from about 1787 to 1822.



**Gass journal.** An original 1807 edition of expedition member Patrick Gass' *A journal of the voyages and travels of a corps of discovery...* . Gass was the only member of the expedition to publish his memoirs.

President Thomas Jefferson reported to the Congress in 1806 and the report was published in Great Britain in 1807 as *Travels in the Interior Parts of America...*

Another rare edition is *An interesting account of the voyages and travels of Captains Lewis and Clark*, by William Fisher, published in Baltimore in 1812.



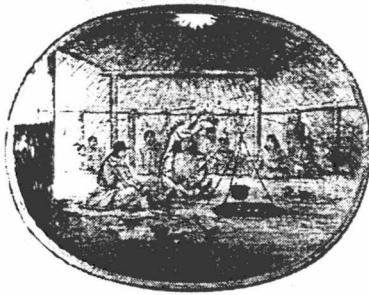
North Dakota's 56 state-owned historic sites, managed and maintained by the State Historical Society of North Dakota, feature fascinating scenes and stories where history happened. Three of these sites -- Fort Buford State Historic Site, Fort Clark State Historic Site, and Double Ditch Indian Village State Historic Site -- are related to the Lewis and Clark Expedition era. In addition, the North Dakota Heritage Center in Bismarck provides significant interpretation of this important era.



Fort Buford - Looking Northwest. Undated photo.

**Fort Buford State Historic Site**, a classic frontier fort located 22 miles southwest of Williston, was the site of a number of military and trading posts established at the confluence of the Yellowstone and Missouri Rivers, attesting to its importance to exploration, fur trading and settlement. Meriwether Lewis and William Clark traveled through this confluence twice, first in 1805 during their westward journey to the Pacific and again upon their return in 1806. Reaching the crossroads of the two great rivers was cause for great celebration for the Corps of Discovery in April 1805. "...affords a butifull (sic) commanding situation for a fort....," wrote

Clark. The Expedition's camp of April 26, 1805, is believed to have been two or three miles southeast of the site of Fort Buford State Historic Site. Many years later, in 1881, Sitting Bull led his people from Canada to Fort Buford, ending the long journey that they were forced to take after Custer's defeat at the Little Bighorn in 1876.



Artist George Catlin dining with Mah-to-toh-pa (Four Bears), July 1832. Original on exhibit at North Dakota Heritage Center.

**Fort Clark State Historic Site**, named for explorer William Clark, is one of the most important archeological sites in North Dakota because of its well-preserved record of the fur trade as well as personal tragedy. It was the scene of small pox and cholera epidemics that decimated the Mandan and later Arikara Indian villages located here. The early fur trading post, started in 1830 by James Kipp, was built in close proximity to the Indian village to encourage trade. The site also includes the remains of a later fur trade post which competed with Fort Clark, and an extensive American Indian cemetery. Artists Karl Bodmer and George Catlin visited the site as did Prince Maximilian, John James Audubon, and more than 50 steam boats annually. Many of Bodmer's paintings were of the people and village at Fort Clark. Located 17 miles southwest of Washburn, the site is listed in the National Register of Historic Places and has been nominated as a National Historic Landmark.

**Double Ditch Indian Village State Historic Site**, overlooking the Missouri River eight miles north of Bismarck, contains the remains of earthlodges, fortification ditches and refuse mounds made by the Mandan Indians between A.D. 1600 and 1781. The inner and outer ditches indicate that the population declined after a smallpox epidemic. A small band of Teton Sioux were living near the ruins of the village when Lewis and Clark passed by in the fall of 1804, and this was recorded in the Corps of Discovery's journals.

**The North Dakota Heritage Center**, headquarters of the State Historical Society of North Dakota, will be a major stop for travelers following the Lewis and Clark Trail. The state's largest museum, and the only one in North Dakota accredited by the American Association of Museums, houses magnificent collections of historical artifacts and documents as well as long-term exhibitions on prehistoric peoples, frontier exploration and settlement, and other stories from North Dakota's past. Temporary exhibitions explore regional history and culture. A major exhibit about the American Indians who helped Lewis and Clark through their winter on the Plains (1804-05) will be featured during the Expedition's bicentennial.



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# Deeply Rooted in North Dakota



The Annual Report of the State Historical Society of North Dakota  
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**T**he State Historical Society of North Dakota plays an integral role in the state's ongoing commitment to collecting, preserving, interpreting, and promoting the history and culture of North Dakota. Beginning with the annual North Dakota History Conference, whose theme was "Deep Roots: Preserving Our Sacred Heritage," the Society sought ways to explore, preserve, and spread the roots that bind North Dakotans to this land and the heritage we share.

## PART I: EXPLORING OUR ROOTS

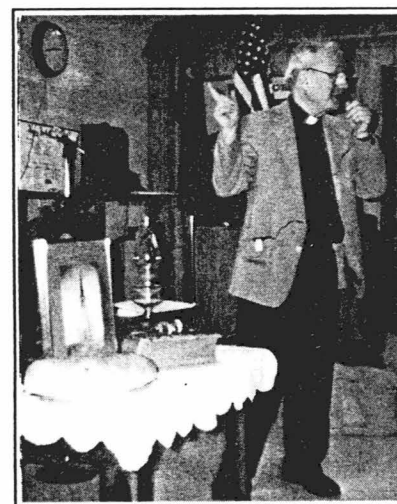
"Deep Roots: Preserving Our Sacred Heritage," the theme of the 1997 North Dakota History Conference held November 6-8, reflected the Society's commitment to understanding and preserving the state's heritage. Conference workshops ranged from caring for church documents and altar paintings to the care and maintenance of sacred structures, ending on an inspirational note with a rousing performance by the Minot Air Force Base Gospel Choir. Many of the Society's public programs, like the conference, were funded through a grant from the North Dakota Humanities Council.

*Marilyn Chiat, the director of the Center for the Documentation and Preservation of Places of Worship in Minneapolis, provided the keynote address at the conference.*



The conference encouraged statewide dialogue and generated a variety of programs. In February a public forum, "How Can We Work Together to Preserve Rural Churches?" was held in Buffalo, North Dakota, and cosponsored by the Society, the Buffalo Historical Society, the Local History Council, and the National Trust for Historic Preservation.

*Father William Sherman, a Catholic priest and sociologist, spoke at a workshop related to preserving sacred objects and structures held at the Richland County Historical Society in Wahpeton.*



One result of these meetings was "Picture North Dakota Churches!," a statewide church documentation project conducted in summer 1998. The National Trust for Historic Preservation awarded the Society grant funds to support a project coordinator, Russell Ford-Dunker, of the Steele County Historical Society, Hope. The Local History Council, county ambassadors, and many additional volunteers photographed every church throughout the state, gathered church histories, and located the churches on plat maps. When completed, the project will produce about 1,400 architectural site forms for the Society and a database of church information for the National Trust.

STATE HISTORICAL SOCIETY OF NORTH DAKOTA						
1999-2001 AGENCY BUDGET BY LINE ITEM						
	1997- 1999	1999-2001	1999-2001	1999-2001	Budget	
	Current Budget	Executive	Senate	House	Reductions	
		Recommendation	Recommendation	Recommendation		
<b>Agency Totals</b>						
Salaries	\$4,153,299.00	\$4,337,656.00	\$4,299,169.00	\$4,299,169.00	\$38,487.00	
Operating Expenses	\$997,987.00	\$908,323.00	\$908,323.00	\$908,323.00	\$0.00	
Equipment	\$215,944.00	\$81,244.00	\$81,244.00	\$81,244.00	\$0.00	
Capital Improvements	\$509,372.00	\$1,130,735.00	\$782,735.00	\$782,735.00	\$348,000.00	
Extraordinary Repairs	\$0.00	\$119,835.00	\$119,835.00	\$119,835.00	\$0.00	
Totten Bldg #4		\$350,000.00	\$350,000.00	\$350,000.00	\$0.00	
Clark Dev & Arch.		\$85,000.00	\$85,000.00	\$85,000.00	\$0.00	
Demores Water Sys.		\$95,000.00	\$95,000.00	\$95,000.00	\$0.00	
Buford OD & Road		\$100,000.00	\$100,000.00	\$100,000.00	\$0.00	
Demores visitor ctr		\$32,900.00	\$32,900.00	\$32,900.00	\$0.00	
Totten Bldg 2,3,7		\$158,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$158,000.00	
Gingras arch. & design		\$190,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$190,000.00	
Lewis & Clark Funding	\$0.00	\$1,117,011.00	\$1,117,011.00	\$641,345.00	\$475,666.00	
Clark entrance struct.		\$50,000.00	\$50,000.00	\$40,000.00	\$10,000.00	
Clark signage		\$24,000.00	\$24,000.00	\$24,000.00	\$0.00	
Double Ditch parking		\$60,000.00	\$60,000.00	\$50,000.00	\$10,000.00	
Buford Field Off quarters		\$329,000.00	\$329,000.00	\$329,000.00	\$0.00	
Double Ditch fence		\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00	\$0.00	
Buford Paving		\$125,000.00	\$125,000.00	\$55,000.00	\$70,000.00	
Buford Signage		\$35,000.00	\$35,000.00	\$25,000.00	\$10,000.00	
Clark Mandan overlook		\$10,000.00	\$10,000.00	\$10,000.00	\$0.00	
Buford pit toilets		\$30,000.00	\$30,000.00	\$0.00	\$30,000.00	
Clark Interp seasonal		\$45,000.00	\$45,000.00	\$45,000.00	\$0.00	
Bismarck seasonal staff		\$16,345.00	\$16,345.00	\$16,345.00	\$0.00	
Buford interp seasonal		\$45,000.00	\$45,000.00	\$45,000.00	\$0.00	
Community packets		\$10,000.00	\$10,000.00	\$0.00	\$10,000.00	
Am Indian consultant		\$2,500.00	\$2,500.00	\$0.00	\$2,500.00	
Frontieer Exhibit		\$266,900.00	\$266,900.00	\$0.00	\$266,900.00	
Finding ND exhibit		\$5,000.00	\$5,000.00	\$0.00	\$5,000.00	
Missouri River exhibit		\$5,000.00	\$5,000.00	\$0.00	\$5,000.00	
Confluence exhibit		\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00	\$0.00	\$2,000.00	
Historic trails brochures		\$23,266.00	\$23,266.00	\$0.00	\$23,266.00	
ND History conference		\$5,000.00	\$5,000.00	\$0.00	\$5,000.00	
Museum Adventure		\$3,000.00	\$3,000.00	\$0.00	\$3,000.00	
Teacher workshops		\$5,000.00	\$5,000.00	\$0.00	\$5,000.00	
L&C backpack program		\$5,000.00	\$5,000.00	\$0.00	\$5,000.00	
Dakota Kid camp		\$3,000.00	\$3,000.00	\$0.00	\$3,000.00	
SEND program		\$5,000.00	\$5,000.00	\$0.00	\$5,000.00	
Heritage Outbound trips		\$5,000.00	\$5,000.00	\$0.00	\$5,000.00	
Grants	\$485,559.00	\$485,559.00	\$485,559.00	\$485,559.00	\$0.00	
Yellowstone Commission	\$4,977.00	\$4,727.00	\$4,727.00	\$4,727.00	\$0.00	
<b>Total Agency Budget</b>	<b>\$6,367,138.00</b>	<b>\$8,065,255.00</b>	<b>\$7,678,768.00</b>	<b>\$7,203,102.00</b>	<b>\$862,153.00</b>	



<b>SOURCE OF FUNDING</b>							
General Funds		\$4,875,621.00	\$7,032,817.00	\$6,646,330.00	\$6,170,664.00	\$862,153.00	
Federal Funds		\$1,400,555.00 *	\$1,032,438.00	\$1,032,438.00	\$1,032,438.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Other Funds		\$90,962.00 **	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
<b>Senate Changes</b>							
1. Reduces funding provided in the executive budget for Fort Totten development projects by \$158,000, from \$508,000 to \$350,000.							
2. Removes the \$190,000 provided in the executive budget for the Gingras Trading Post planning design and archeology.							
<b>House Changes</b>							
1. Removes Lewis and Clark funding for \$475,666 for all programming enhancements, exhibit enhancements and other selected projects.							
<b>Reductions from current budget</b>							
* Reduction in federal funding from the 1997-99 budget to the 1999-2001 recommendation relates to the removal of one time federal grants from the Bureau of Reclamation and the National Historical Publications and Records Commission.							
** Reduction in Other Funds from the 1997-99 budget to the 1999-2001 recommendation relates to the removal of one time proposed funding from the State Historical Society of North Dakota Foundation.							

**Lewis and Clark Funding**

	<u>Executive Recommendation</u>	<u>House Changes</u>	<u>Senate Changes</u>	<u>Conference Committee</u>	<u>Total Changes</u>	<u>Remaining Funds</u>
Historical Society	1,117,011	(475,666)	-		(475,666)	641,345
Parks and Recreation	355,000	(34,600)	100,000	17,300	82,700	437,700
Tourism	698,502	200,000	(649,507)	(100,000)	(549,507)	148,995
Council on Arts	100,000	(100,000)	-	-	(100,000)	-
<b>Total</b>	<b>2,270,513</b>	<b>(410,266)</b>	<b>(549,507)</b>	<b>(82,700)</b>	<b>(1,042,473)</b>	<b>1,228,040</b>

\$100,000 Requested for Council on the Arts	We providing	\$25,000
\$355,000 Requested for Parks and Rec	We providing	437,000
\$698,000 Requested for Tourism	We providing	148,995
1,117,011 Requested for Historical Society	Senate Vers.	1,117,011

<b>\$2,270,513 Executive Budget</b>	<b>Senate Vers.</b>	<b>1,728,006</b>
	<b>House Vers.</b>	<b>1,228,040</b>