

1999 SENATE AGRICULTURE

SB 2338

1999 SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE MINUTES

BILL/RESOLUTION NO. SB 2338

Senate Agriculture Committee

Conference Committee

Hearing Date 1/29/99

Tape Number	Side A	Side B	Meter #
1		X	3405-END
2	X		0-2182
2/4	2	X	3350-4629
Committee Clerk Signature <i>Christina Jorgensen</i>			

Minutes:

Senator Wanzek called the meeting to order, roll call was taken, all were present.

Senator Wanzek opened the hearing on SB 2338.

Senator Tomac introduced the bill. This bill addresses goal number 1 in the series. He feels it is the most important, focuses on how we can achieve the quality to where other states recognize ND products.

Senator Sand: With the quality program what am I going to with my 56 pound durum?

Senator Tomac: There will always be those markets regardless of what program.

Senator Sand: 2 words- product image.

Senator Tomac: I think you understand.

Senator Wanzek: Isn't that what Pride of Dakota stamp is?

Senator Tomac: Yes.

Senator Krauter, sponsor of the bill, spoke in support. He went through the bill and explained what it does, set a level for the amount of money used in research, family brands, identify levels of quality, funding for research, need to make sure agencies in ND understand levels of quality, identifying quantified areas of greatest product advantage, and educating people about values of agriculture.

Senator Sand: If we pass this bill it will go to appropriations, doesn't appropriations already have a lot of bills dealing with this?

Senator Krauter: You have one of five bills being heard on this, it is all part of the process.

Senator Sand: In the five, what is the approximate dollar amount?

Senator Krauter: You will be able to get a schedule listing how much money for each.

Senator Wanzek: On the 2% of gross farm income, that could be some public money, some check-off dollar.

Senator Krauter: That would be my understanding.

Bill Patrie from APUC spoke in support of SB 2338. He felt goal number one was especially important. You have to do one thing to cause another, our goal is to make money for farmers and processors involved.

Senator Mathern: Has there been any research done on how this would take place?

Bill Patrie: Has been by the Manufacturing Technology Partnership, they have done a survey of food manufactures in ND.

Senator Wanzek: Is the Pride of Dakota being prohibited from doing that now other than financially?

Bill Patrie: I believe that is correct.

Mark Sitz from the ND Farmer's Union spoke in favor of SB 2338. Research has been topic for the last couple of sessions. Need to start with research and recognize that the finish is synonymous with quality of ND.

Senator Wanzek: What's the wheat commission for, aren't they doing that for us?

Mark Sitz: Absolutely.

Senator Sand: This says the state agriculture commission and the state legislature has not done a good job, is that so?

Mark Sitz: I don't think that's a fair comment.

Senator Kinnoin: I don't think it says the agriculture department or other groups haven't done a good job.

Senator Wanzek: We've all done a good job it's just a changing world.

Mark Sitz: That's exactly right.

James Moench from COFA spoke in support of the bill. Handed out graph which is enclosed.

The 2% idea is a goal.

Senator Wanzek closed the hearing.

FEBRUARY 4, 1999

Discussion was held.

Senator Klein made the motion for a Do Not Pass.

Senator Sand seconded.

ROLL CALL: 4 Yes, 3 No

CARRIER: Senator Wanzek

Date: 2/4
Roll Call Vote #: 1

1999 SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE ROLL CALL VOTES
BILL/RESOLUTION NO. 2338

Senate Agriculture Committee

Subcommittee on _____
or
 Conference Committee

Legislative Council Amendment Number _____

Action Taken Do Not Pass

Motion Made By Klein Seconded By Sand

Senators	Yes	No	Senators	Yes	No
Senator Wanzek	✓				
Senator Klein	✓				
Senator Sand	✓				
Senator Urlacher	✓				
Senator Kinnoin		✓			
Senator Kroeplin		✓			
Senator Mathern		✓			

Total (Yes) 4 No 3

Absent _____

Floor Assignment Senator Wanzek

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

REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE (410)
February 4, 1999 5:12 p.m.

Module No: SR-23-1971
Carrier: Wanzek
Insert LC: . Title: .

REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE

SB 2338: Agriculture Committee (Sen. Wanzek, Chairman) recommends **DO NOT PASS**
(4 YEAS, 3 NAYS, 0 ABSENT AND NOT VOTING). SB 2338 was placed on the
Eleventh order on the calendar.

1999 TESTIMONY

SB 2338

May 8, 1998

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Dear Cole:

The following information you requested regarding required funds needed to support ND research in emerging diseases of animals and plants was collected through input from Neil Dyer, Charlie Stoltenow, Dave Barryhill, Dave White, Mike Robinson, and Jim Venette. The funds requested include technical support staff, anticipated equipment and supply needs, and other scientific support staff.

On the plant disease side, funds for both emerging disease research and for diseases that accompany emerging plants in our area were included. Plant diseases or pathogens which would likely be studied or for which surveillance would need to be maintained or instituted were: scab, white mold, late blight, certain potato viruses, and certain soybean diseases or pathogens such as root rot and the cyst nematode. It was thought that a credible research program in this area could be maintained for about \$2 million annually.

On the animal side, emerging diseases and pathogens with potential impact on animal or public health including those considered to be foodborne were included in making the estimate. Areas for which surveillance, research, and/or control programs would be targeted include: the emergence of antibiotic resistance among animal pathogens, *Salmonella typhimurium* DT104, *Escherichia coli* O157 and related toxogenic strains, rabiesvirus, avian influenza virus, *Mycobacterium paratuberculosis* (the causative agent of Johne's disease), various "slow viral" diseases (prion agents involved) such as Chronic Wasting Disease of elk and white-tailed deer, scrapie of sheep and goats, and bovine spongiform encephalopathy of cattle, Porcine Multisystemic Wasting Disease (caused by a circovirus and known to occur in Ohio, Iowa, and Saskatchewan), *Ehrlichia* spp., and others. Note that NDs position as the 2nd largest importer of animals in the US and as a major flyway provide many opportunities for introduction of emerging animal pathogens and diseases with implications for both human and animal health. For example, *Salmonella* DT104 has been isolated from healthy pigs here in ND through surveillance efforts in this department. It is estimated that a credible program in this area could be maintained for about \$365,000 annually.

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Hope this information helps you, Cole. If you need further clarification of anything, let me know. Also note that due to the quick turn-around time on this information, there was no opportunity to solicit comment on the final draft of this letter. In other words, any errors are mine, but the gist of the letter is a compilation of the input from the folks mentioned above.

Sincerely,



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