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2001 HOUSE APPROPRIATIONS

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2001 HOUSE STANDING COMMITTEE MINUTES

BILL/RESOLUTION NO. HB1019

House Appropriations Committee
Education and Environment Division

Conference Committee

Hearing Date January 16, 2001

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Committee Clerk Signature <i>Judith Schrock</i>			

Minutes:

Representatives Aarsvold, Boehm, Gulleson, Martinson, Monson, Wald, Wentz.

Representative Dean Hildebrand: A brief 7 minute overview video. (945) I want to touch briefly on some of our major concerns. A big issue is how many non residents do we have in ND. The other issue will be, "find me a place to hunt". I am going to be asking for five additional employees, one of which is a GPS, Global Position Specialist. We now manage 450 lakes with fish. We get requests for docks, and fish cleaning stations. Wild Life Clubs help maintain. We put up a 75 percent cost and the club will do the 25. We need the help of these Wild Life Clubs, but there is high maintenance. Of course we have more and more requests. We have 150 fishing tournaments a year. These need to be monitored. These people are here for about a week. We have sold 22,000 non resident license, and not enough places to hunt. You will see some signs, PLOTS, private land open to the sportsmen. We went to the people with CRP contracts. We told them we would pay for their seed or up to 20.00 per acre. But they

would have to open it for walk in hunting, but only for the duration of the contract. This has been a vital part of our program. We have 120,000 acres and I want to get to 140,000 acres. My philosophy is I want to pay the land owner for the land we use. This has been a success story for us. We would like to plant more pheasants in other areas. We will need to get trees in those areas.

Paul Schadewald; (3320) Chief Administrator to Services Division of ND Game and Fish Department. See attached.

Representative Wald; (4275) Will that be on your campus out where you are?

Paul Schadewald: We are hoping it will be on the Fair property to the East. Continue with attached.

Representative Wald; (4604) We used to get many complaints about leafy spurge. The perception being, not enough being done to control weeds. What kind of a program with other land owners or agencies do you have on the leafy spurge.

Paul Schadewald: We have done major change on that. One of the reasons for that the flea beetle has been planted, harvested and distributed beetles to neighbors. Some cases we still do some spraying which is not very effective. It hasn't taken care of all of it, but is much more except able. Continue attached.

Representative Guleson; (5800) Is the over abundance of deer state wide or just in certain areas.

Paul Schadewald: Not so much in the Western part of the state, but in the North West and the Eastern half there are very high levels. We have tried to issue more licenses. See attached depredation. There is no short easy policy on how you can manage deer.

Dean Hildebrand: The best way to protect them is to call the Game and Fish Department. We build hay proof hay yards. We buy the material if they put it up. It has been very effective. Deer do bunch up in the snow. We buy hay from the farmers but they need to distribute it.

Representative Aarsvold: (69) We tried to buy fishing license in Minnesota last year. We were told you had to have certain computer linkages to St. Paul before you could get a license. I hope the Department is not looking to that as a solution to licensing.

Dean Hildebrand: We have many pages on our web site but we also know in rural ND we still need to deliver services to that customer. So we will continue the paper of licensing.

Representative Wald: (229) People are ready to pay more for license rather than give up the conveniences. Your personnel, how many have opted to move from the defined benefit retirement plan to the defined contribution?

Dean Hildebrand: I think two. We work very hard to establish a hunter, landowner relationship or relationship with Game and Fish Department. The 44 million dollar CREP Program, that goes directly to the farmers, as well as the CRP Program. With the lake levels we work with the core of engineers to try to maintain those levels. That is a real struggle.

Representative Wentz: Does anyone else wish to appear in opposition of HB1019? Seeing none we will close the hearing on HB1019.

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Education and Environment Division

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Hearing Date January 22, 2001

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Committee Clerk Signature <i>Judith Schuch</i>			

Minutes:

Representatives Aarsvold, Boehm, Gulleason, Martinson, Monson, Wald, Wentz.

Representative Martinson: We did meet with Game and Fish, and our Majority Leader on these positions. It is our recommendation that we keep all of the positions in there. Two game wardens, two biologists, and one in information technology. Even if we were to pass this bill as is they would have a reserve in access of 10 million dollars in their reserve fund. I thought Dean and Paul did a good job of explaining why they needed the biologist, and also the wardens, and information. Madam Chairman I move that we approve the budget HB1019 as presented to us.

Representative Boehm: I second it.

Representative Wentz: It has been moved and seconded that we recommend the budget as presented to us to the full committee. Representative Martinson you will carry it to the full committee.

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The roll call vote 7 yes, 0 no on HB1019. Representatives Aarsvold, Boehm, Gulleon,
Martinson, Monson, Wald, Wentz.

2001 HOUSE STANDING COMMITTEE MINUTES

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House Appropriations Committee

Conference Committee

Hearing Date January 26, 2001

Tape Number	Side A	Side B	Meter #
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Committee Clerk Signature <i>L. L. Gosh</i>			

Minutes:

ACTION ON HB 1019.

Rep. Bob Martinson: HB1019 is the appropriation for the Game and Fish Department, these are all special funds that are no general fund dollars in this bill. The committee passed it out just as it was presented to us, and Governor Hoeven increased the Schafer budget by \$200,000, and that \$200,000 dollars is to go to the agriculture department as a grant to match federal money to control skunks, coyotes, beavers and other animals of that type. The appropriation calls for adding 5 FTE's, one is a biologist for game habitat and works with the cover lock initiative which provides for a 20 acre block of habitat for animals. That's the biologist position, the other is a biologist position for fish, there is a computer and network specialist position that will do mapping and GPS and electronic survey type things for water surveys and nesting habitat and then they add two FTE's for game warden's.

Rep. Mike Timm: Any questions for Rep. Martinson?

Rep. Kim Koppelman: Was there any indication as to why the additional game wardens are needed?

Response: Well, yes, because there are people out there that are doing things that they shouldn't be doing. They haven't added any game wardens in quite some time, and hunting and fishing is a really big opportunity in the industry in North Dakota and it brings in a lot of revenue. Its a big industry and they need more people to police it.

Rep. Bob Skarphol:It says it provides funding for the Dept. Of Agriculture in the amount of \$68,000 for veterinary services, and I'm working on that particular budget and I'm just a little curious. Could you enlighten me on that?

Response: No, I cannot

Rep. Mike Timm: Is that something to do with that one program called cover lock? Response was no. Was it \$58,000. No. It was \$68,000.

Joe Morrissette, Legislative Council. That is \$68,000 that the Game and Fish Dept. Uses to contract with the Board of Animal Health for veterinary services. But I'm not sure of what instances they would have to use that.

Rep. Ole Aarsvold: I know that they share responsibilities with the Ag. Dept. for non typical livestock, Elk, Buffalo, and that sort of thing, so it would be my guess that they are using veterinary services for that purpose, and that would account for that \$68,000.

Rep. Bob Martinson: I would move a DO PASS on HB1019 as presented. Seconded by Rep. Wald.

Rep. Jeff Delzer: On the \$50,000 for noxious weeds, I don't have a problem with that but did they give you any kind of information if they are contracting with counties, county weed boards,

and how many acres did they expect to do with this and is this infact enough to cover what they don't think their covering?

Rep. Bob Martinson: Yes they do work with the counties, I don't know how many acres and I'm sure they could use more money.

Rep. Mike Timm: Its probably noxious weeds on game refuge's.

Rep. Jeff Delzer: This is one of the issues that people are quite upset about, is the fact that we bugged all the time about noxious weeds, and yet we see Game and Fish land that doesn't have it and its more U.S. Problem than it is a state problem. I don't have a problem with it, I just wondering how much more they were hoping to do and where they were going at.

Rep. Francis Wald: I asked that same question at the hearing and if I can recall somewhat correctly, the commissioner said that yes they work with county weed boards and other people interested in particularly leafy splurge. I was satisfied at the hearing on their effort at weed control was satisfactory and their doing as much as they possibly can.

Rep. Bob Skarphol: One follow up question to Rep.Delzer's question. What kind of acreage does Game and Fish control or have oversight over?

Rep. Bob Martinson: I don't have the answer, but I will call Game and Fish and get the answer to this question and the other that was asked.

Rep. Rex Byerly: On the capital improvements line item, the cover locks program is 1.2 Million, is considered in that line item that's for capital improvements?

Rep. Bob Martinson: That capital improvements line includes \$684,000 for extra ordinary repairs spread out through different areas. And \$275,000 for the construction of the storage building and secure storage yard , and \$340,000 for habitat improvement projects.

Rep. Mike Timm: Any other discussion? We have a motion.

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We will take the roll on HB1019. DO PASS

YES (20) NO (0) ABSENT (1)

Motion Passes.

Rep. Martinson will carry the bill to the House Floor.

Action on HB1019 is completed.

End tape at 2840.

Date: January 22, 01
Roll Call Vote #: 1

2001 HOUSE STANDING COMMITTEE ROLL CALL VOTES
BILL/RESOLUTION NO. Appropriations Education and Environment Division

House Appropriations Ed & E Committee

Subcommittee on Game & Fish AB 1019
or
 Conference Committee

Legislative Council Amendment Number _____

Action Taken Do Pass

Motion Made By Rep. Martinson Seconded By Rep. V. Chair Boehm

Representatives	Yes	No	Representatives	Yes	No
Rep. Janet Wentz -Chairman	✓				
Rep. James Boehm - Vice Chairman	✓				
Rep. Ole Aarsvold	✓				
Rep. Pam Gulleson	✓				
Rep. Bob Martinson	✓				
Rep. David Monson	✓				
Rep. Francis J. Wald	✓				

Total (Yes) 7 No 0

Absent 0

Floor Assignment _____

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

Date: 1-26-01
Roll Call Vote #: 1

2001 HOUSE STANDING COMMITTEE ROLL CALL VOTES
BILL/RESOLUTION NO. HB 1019

House APPROPRIATIONS Committee

Subcommittee on _____
or
 Conference Committee

Legislative Council Amendment Number _____

Action Taken DO PASS

Motion Made By MARTINSON Seconded By WALD

Representatives	Yes	No	Representatives	Yes	No
Timm - Chairman	✓				
Wald - Vice Chairman	✓				
Rep - Aarsvold	✓		Rep - Koppelman	✓	
Rep - Boehm	✓		Rep - Martinson	✓	
Rep - Byerly	✓		Rep - Monson	✓	
Rep - Carlisle	✓		Rep - Skarphol	✓	
Rep - Delzer	✓		Rep - Svedjan	✓	
Rep - Glassheim	✓		Rep - Thoreson	✓	
Rep - Gulleson	✓		Rep - Warner	✓	
Rep - Huether			Rep - Wentz	✓	
Rep - Kempenich	✓				
Rep - Kerzman	✓				
Rep - Kliniske	✓				

Total (Yes) 20 No _____

Absent 1

Floor Assignment MARTINSON

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

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