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2001 HOUSE STANDING COMMITTEE MINUTES

BILL/RESOLUTION NO. HB1021

House Appropriations Committee
Education and Environment Division

Conference Committee

Hearing Date January 15, 2001

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Minutes:

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

Doug Prechal: Director of ND Parks and Rec. Department See attached.

Representative Wald: Where does the 601,000 under snowmobiles where do these funds come from?

Doug Prechal: The snowmobile program is administered by our agency. The registration fee paid for the snowmobile is paid through the Department of Transportation. They take a percent off of that for administration and transfer it to the snowmobile account.

Representative Aarsvold: (5455) Aren't there some gas tax dollars too.

Doug Prechal: Yes.

Representative Monson: There was quite a lot of damage to the Turtle River State Park, and I'm not finding capital improvements in your budget.

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Doug Prehal: There is a line item in there, Bank of ND loan item for 1.5 million, to be able to draw off of that. The bank loan will be repaid with FEMA account that we get. It will be 75-25 match.

Representative Wald: Did you have flood insurance for your parks?

Doug Prehal: No. Continue with attachment.

Representative Aarsvold: (830) How do you collect data for your satisfaction rating?

Doug Prehal: We will do a questioner in our newspaper periodically and once a year we do a physical survey.

Representative Wald: On bottom of page 3, the salary adjustment, the 10,127 item. You are below the range recommended by Central Personal? Why would OMB not give you, what was the rationale there?

Doug Prehal: Central Personal has not adjusted the salary grades. They are recommending we do that.

John McQueen: (1330) Executive Director of the International Peace Garden. See Attached.

Representative Wald: (2390) The pie charts show revenue for 2001 for 609,624. Has the Canadian been converted to US.

John McQueen: The right hand column is always US dollars. The second to right is Canadian.

Representative Aarsvold: (2545) The moose and deer depavation problems you are having. What has been done in the last several months to remedy that.

John McQueen: We have removed much of the woody material. The deer numbers are down this year.

Representative Gulleason: Do you represent the Peace Gardens and budget on the Canadian side as well.

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John McQueen: The Canadians do things differently than the Americans. On the Canadian side the presentation would be made to civil servants, perhaps on a one and one. Not at all a set up like this.

Joe Alme: (2925) Director of International Music Camp. We attract about 3,000 students each summer, from every State and Province in North America. Among other projects we are concerned about are the refurbishment of the rest rooms facilities in the Music hall for 2001. See pamphlet and attachment. This also is not assessable for the handicapped. I am asking for your support of at least 12,500.

Henry Wisness: Spoke on behalf of all retired campers on how they enjoy the parks and the upgrading they need. I hope you will support these agencies.

David Borlaus: (3840) President of ND Lewis and Clark Bicentennial Foundation. We are a private non profit foundation that operates the Lewis and Clark Interpretive Center in Fort Mandan and Washburn. We are on an expansion of that Interpretive Center, more than doubling the size of it. We rely very greatly with State Parks and Rec., as well as other State Agencies. I encourage you for favorable review.

Representative Wentz: Does anyone else wish to appear in opposition of HB1021? Seeing none we will close the hearing on HB1021.

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House Appropriations Committee
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Hearing Date February 06, 2001

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Minutes: Representatives Boehm, Martinson, Monson, Wald, Wentz.

Representative Boehm: The budget basically remained the same from Hoeven verses Schafer's budget. We have one amendment. See attached. I move the amendments.

Representative Martinson: I second the motion.

Five yes, 0 no and 2 absent.

Representative Boehm: I make a motion to approve HB1021 as amended as do pass.

Representative Martinson: I second the motion.

Five yes, 0 no and 2 absent. Representative Boehm to carry the bill to the full committee.

2001 HOUSE STANDING COMMITTEE MINUTES

BILL/RESOLUTION NO. **HB1021**

House Appropriations Committee

Conference Committee

Hearing Date **February 7, 2001**

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Minutes:

HOUSE APPROPRIATIONS ACTION ON HB1021.

Rep. James Boehm: The only change from the Schafer to the Hoven budget is an increase of \$12,500 for an International Peace Garden for the rest room renovation. This budget adds one additional seasonal employee at five parks, upgrades part time park ranger to full time, funds two part time maintenance employees at Lake Metigoshee and Turtle River state parks. The total general fund increase of \$739,530 is due to the Lewis and Clark projects, seasonal salaries, salary equity and staff adjustments, faculty maintenance, resource management. The federal fund increase of \$1,899,198 million dollars is due primarily to increase in FEMA for the continued support of the recovery for Devils Lake Park, and a recovery at Turtle Lake State Park. Special funds increased by \$25,000 due to added registration for snowmobiles. Line 1 through 8 explains salary adjustments and temporary salaries and benefits, Line 9 explains operating expenses, and they increased \$172,145, Line 10 is the equipment, which decreased from the general fund to the

special fund by \$50,000, Line 11 increases funding for capital projects by \$980,570, Line 12 explains the projects, Line 13 increase funding for grants to reflect additional federal funds of \$1,073,33, Line 14 funding for grants to the international peace garden. Line 15 is the Lewis and Clark funding for \$765,441, and Line 16 is \$80,000 from the Game and Fish Department for maintaining fish cleaning stations and boat ramps, and we have one amendment to this, and that is .0102, and the purpose of that amendment is for the \$12,500 for the peace garden.

Rep. Mike Timm: What is the total increase in general fund spending? Answer: \$739, 530. So you are spending \$739,530 in additional funding. That is correct. Rep. Timm: Where do you think we will get it? The majority of that will be Lewis and Clark. The only increase over the governor's budget is \$12,500. Rep. Boehm moved the amendments. Seconded by Rep. Byerly. Any discussion?

Rep. James Kerzman: (4385) Rep. Boehm, could you explain the \$800,000 for extraordinary repairs on the pink sheets.

Rep. Boehm: That's all for the Lewis and Clark marina bay at Ft. Ransom.

Joe Morrisette, Legislative Council: The \$800,000 is a separate item, the items listed below on the pink sheets are capital projects, the agency has the flexibility to determine exactly what extraordinary repairs they are going to address with that amount of funding. But they have a list in their budget request that itemizes that, and I can provide a copy of that as I don't have it with me.

Rep. Kerzman: No, I don't need the list. It looks like it should be a capital line item expense, but it must be repairs on a lot of different places.

Rep, Carlisle. I see that there is a \$100,00 for replacing playground equipment. I hit some of those parks last summer, what happened to all that equipment?

Rep. Boehm: Most of that is old equipment and it is just not safe anymore and there is some updates to equipment and additional equipment.

Rep. Timm: Any other questions? If not, we have a motion to amend. All those in favor of adopting the amendments HB1021 say Aye. Voice Vote. Motion carried the amendments are adopted. We have the bill before us with amendments. Rep. Boehm moves the bill as amended. Seconded by Rep. Wald. To adopt HB1021 with amendments.

Rep. Delzer: I would like to offer a further amendment if I may?

Rep. Timm: We have a motion at this point and we have to act on that motion first.

Rep. Boehm: Withdraws his motion to move the bill and Rep. Wald withdrew his second.

Rep. Delzer: I would move that we reduce line 12 from the \$1,266,070 by \$166,070 general fund at the discretion of the Parks and Rec., any where in that line and those items. Response: Your talking about line 12 on the pink sheet? YES. Seconded by Rep. Svedjan.

Rep. Timm: Rep. Delzer would you explain your purpose in offering this amendment?

Rep. Delzer: My purpose is that when we look at our budget overall the increases to the executive budget compared to income vs. expenses for the state as a whole, and frankly some of the budgets that we have done here we have passed out pretty much what the executive budget recommends and I'm afraid were going to be in trouble when we come to the end.. And the point of the \$808,000 on extraordinary repairs I think is quite a bit on our state parks. Granted I don't have a list of it, so I can't pin point why I think that's the case, but there is a pretty healthy increase. I think it's something that we as a committee needs to consider.

Rep. Aarsvold: I'm going to oppose the amendment, for a couple of reasons, but first of all, much of our problem with our state parks is our own doing by not providing adequate funding for staffing to monitor those facilities, especially into the evenings when we have a lot of

vandalism taking place, so many of those expenses are a product of our own doing in my judgment and I hear complaints from folks in the parks area for the problems they have with vandalism, and I think it a very real need we have out there and for that reason I'm going to oppose the amendment offered by Rep. Delzer.

Rep. Timm: Any other discussion about Rep. Delzer's proposed amendment?

Rep. Koppelman: A question about Rep. Aarsvold's comments, and maybe I'm reading this wrong but does the proposed amendment have anything to do with staff or salaries, or is it strictly improvements?

Rep. Wentz: I wasn't prepared to answer that question, but I think its repairs as I understand it, and I oppose the amendment also and I think its worth our consideration to note that the state parks are open 7 days a week, 365 days a year and the public expects the gates to be open and visitors expect be able to have access to those parks whenever they feel the urge to visit them. This past season there were over 1 million visitors which is a 3% gain over 1999 and during the year 2000, 68% of those visitors were North Dakotans. So we are using our own parks and we have a responsibility to keep them maintained and to make those repairs, rather than to neglect them. I don't see any purpose to postponing some repairs and I'm sure that the amount of money that we have allocated for repairs is not sufficient cover all of the needs they have anyway.

Rep. Delzer: Rome wasn't built in a day, and you don't take care of a \$25 million dollar shortfall in some other budgets that we will be looking at by not starting somewhere. This is a pretty good amount of money in there, and I like a lot of what the parks and rec. do. I think they are a good system, but I think we have to start somewhere, and that's the reason I offered this amendment.

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Rep. Skarphol: If the committee would look at page 69 in their budget book, and maybe Sheila can answer this question. Parks and Rec. have an extraordinary repairs request of \$433,000 according to this and they were given \$808,000. Can you explain the formula thing here, Sheila can you enlighten the committee, If they ask for \$400,000 and were granted \$800,000 that's not real logical.

Sheila, OMB: The request is showing us the Hoven budget, and I suspect that there was some national packages and that was a major concern to the governor and that's why they final recommendation from the governor was higher.

Rep. Timm: Any other discussion on Rep. Delzer's proposed amendment? All those in favor of adopting the motion by Rep. Delzer say AYE. Voice Vote. Roll Call vote was taken as the voice vote was to close to call by the chairman. Motion passes. (14) YES (7) NO. Any other proposed amendments? We need a motion for a DO PASS as amended. Rep. Boehm moved the bill for a DO PASS as amended. Seconded by Rep. Wald. Roll Call vote for DO PASS as amended. (20) YES (1) NO. Motion passes. Rep. Boehm will carry the bill to the floor.

End of committee action on HB1021.

Office of Management and Budget
January 15, 2001

PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO HOUSE BILL NO. 1021

Page 1, line 23, replace "\$364,583" with "\$377,083"

Page 1, line 24, replace "\$364,583" with "\$377,083"

Page 2, line 1, replace "\$7,809,589" with "7,822,089"

Page 2, line 3, replace "\$15,206,589" with "\$15,219,089"

Page 2, replace lines 4 through 11 with:

"SECTION 2. FUNDING – INTERNATIONAL PEACE GARDEN AND AMERICAN FOUNDATION OF THE INTERNATIONAL PEACE GARDEN. The director of the parks and recreation department shall transfer from the amount appropriated in the International Peace Garden line item in subdivision 2 of section 1 of this Act, a total of \$364,583 to the International Peace Garden, and a total of \$12,500 to the American foundation of the International Peace Garden. The transfer to the International Peace Garden shall be made in two amounts, \$184,292 within ten days of July 1, 2001, and \$184,291 within ten days of July 1, 2002. The transfer to the American foundation of the International Peace Garden shall be made only when the American foundation of the International Peace Garden has raised \$12,500 of other funds to be used to match the general fund monies appropriated in the International Peace Garden line item in subdivision 2 of section 1 of this Act. The parks and recreation department may not reduce the funds appropriated in the International Peace Garden line item in subdivision 2 of section 1 of this Act by a percentage greater than any percentage allotment of general fund moneys required of the department pursuant to the provisions of sections 54-44.1-12 and 54-44.1-13.1.

Renumber accordingly

Statement of purpose of amendment:

To increase the International Peace Garden special line item by \$12,500 of general funds. To designate \$12,500 of funding in the International Peace Garden line item to the American Foundation of the International Peace Garden to be used for the renovation of restroom facilities at the International Peace Garden music camp.

