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2001 HOUSE STANDING COMMITTEE MINUTES

BILL/RESOLUTION NO. HB 1200

House Agriculture Committee

Conference Committee

Hearing Date 1-26-2001

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ONE	A		1416 TO 5500E
TWO	A		00 TO 853
Committee Clerk Signature <i>Edward J. Ellyson</i>			

Minutes:

1A:CHAIRMAN NICHOLAS: We will now open the Hearing on HB 1200. Representative Kline; do you have all your folks here that are planning on being here?

1A:1459 REPRESENTATIVE KLINE: For the record I am Representative Kline from District forty from Minot, ND. The Bill before you HB1200 is one of those unique Bill that dose not fit in the normal operating budget. This a one time opportunity to invest in the future of Agriculture in our state. To maintain our Agriculture Economy we must invest in research. These changes can only come from the research extension centers. It is a know fact that all major companies spend a large portion of there budget on research. Solutions come from research. We need to take this leap, as to the purchase, for our grandchildren.

I will conclude and I hope you will give this Bill your whole hearted support.

1A:1612: CHAIRMAN NICHOLAS: Representative Nelson.

1A:REPRESENTATIVE NELSON: My name is John Nelson. I serve District Seven.

I come before you today in favor of this Bill. Two of the counties that I represent are members of the North Central Research County Configuration. These two quarters fit in perfectly.

1A:1802; CHAIRMAN NICHOLAS: Any questions?

1A: DAVID O'CONNEL FROM DISTRICT SIX: This is a project not just for the area but for the whole state. I think it would be a good investment.

1A: 1894; CHAIRMAN NICHOLAS: Anyone else offering testimony in support of HB 1200?

1A: FRED TYLER: My name is Fred Tyler, Chairman of the Board of Research. I would like to offer my support of HB1200. This purchase is vital so that the Northwestern can continue its operation of aiding the farmers in the area. It is not only important to the present farmers but also to the future farmers in NORTH DAKOTA. We have research experts come out to our fields and help farmers make the right economic decisions is an invaluable service. It is difficult to rent land for research that can be assured to be weed free. I urge your support of HB 1200.

1A:2184; CHAIRMAN NICHOLAS: Are there any questions? Thank you for your comments. Senator Krebsbach, I take you next. We started a few minutes early.

1A:2218 SENATOR KREBSBACH: I appear before you this morning in support of this Bill.

1A:CHAIRMAN NICHOLAS: Any questions from Senator Krebsbach?

1A:JERRY DOAN: I am Jerry Doan. I'm chairman of The State Board and Research and Education. We do support the purchase of this land at the Minot Facility. As you many or may not know the law is set up says that we have to provide the facilities that we need and equipment so that is why we get involved in this process. We don't take it very lightly either. There is concern on our board to make sure that limited dollars we are getting the the best bang

for the buck. The board had discussion on this purchase. We want to get all facilities working with a main unit. This purchase is not just for Minot. I think we see the real need. Canola is a major crop in N.D. We need Canola research and this will help in that research. If we do not make the purchase now we won't get the land. It is a good investment for down the road. We can't take this out of our research funding. It has to come about in this BILL. We have a priority list. We will not be able to come back next session and say, should we purchase this land. It will be gone.

IA:CHAIRMAN NICHOLAS: Any other questions. Jay go ahead.

IA: JAY FISCHER: I am the director of the North Central Research Extension Center. We have handed out some of the material to you. I would like speak a little bit from the Brochure. The map on the back. In 1945, the top three quarter sections became the Extension Center. Two missions to produce foundation grade seed crop and to conduct Agriculture Research. In 1947 there was a purchase of the quarter below that and in 1949 the west section was added. It is important to have the adjacent land. The rented seed fields are at a distance. There is an expense in getting to these fields. We have a PHD weed scientist and we have an anthramologist. He works with pest management. With the migration of insects from one plot to another, we need to expand the size of our plots and the dimension of our plots. We are trying to get a handle on which crops and what rotations we can use. Thank you.

IA:CHAIRMAN NICHOLAS: Representative Pietsch and then Representative Koppang.

IA REPRESENTATIVE PIETSCH: Jay, since I have not seen the budget for a good long time, Tell us a little bit about the self funding. What is the balance of generated income and general funds support for this station.

1A: JAY FISCHER: I think our foundation aid still brings in about 38 to 40 percent. An eighteen year average of feed sales alone and that is about \$145,000.00 per year. That come in from foundation seed sales alone. The grant picture comes and goes.

1A: REPRESENTATIVE KOPPANG: Are you going to give up the land that you are presently renting? If we purchase this half section?

1A: JAY FISCHER: My advisory board there has been a consensus not to do that. That is no net gain. No we don't intend to give up the land we rent unless we get pushed to do so. The purchase of this land will take it off the tax rolls.

1A: REPRESENTATIVE BERG: What is the appraisal value of this land. What did you pay for the appraisals? Do you sit down and get the best price through negotiation.

1A: JAY FISCHER: One of the appraiser is official and one is a real-estate agent. The owner tells me what he paid for the land and this is what he wants for it and I don't know that it is negotiable. The owner of the land can go to an real-estate agent and do better then he can do with us. This land is a long term investment. We don't intend to sell the quarter that is across Highway 83. The further you go as to additional rental property the bigger the expense as to pickups time etc. The tax value of the land is \$600.00 that we want to purchase.

1A:5500 ==END OF TAPE ONE AS TO HB 1200==

1A: 00 REPRESENTATIVE LLOYD: The economies are important. I have been a advocate of transferring a lot of the research from N.D.S.U. to the outlying areas of the state because they don't have as big a problem as Fargo does. With regard to Fargo, it is a bad situation.

What are the killable acres of that 320 acres that would be available for research?

1A: JAY FISCHER: The killable acres would be in the high 90's

1A: Representative Lemieux: Going back to cooperative research centers. Do we cooperate more with and share data with our friends in Manitoba and South Dakota.

1A: JAY FISCHER: The answer to that is yes. We just came back from the Manitoba, North Dakota Zero Kill Conference, which is 23 years in existence. Predominantly exchanges between Brandon, Manitoba and Minot, N.D. We compare notes. We exchange with South Dakota.

1A: CHAIRMAN NICHOLAS: Any other questions. Thank you. Is there anyone else that wants to offer support for this Bill?

1A: TIM BRYAN: I am a producer. I live east of Bowbells. I am on the committee that was appointed to make this purchase a reality. It is not just research. It is also education. The ability for the producers to go out into those fields of the pictures that Jay has just showed and for the producers to stand out there and touch and feel and look at the crops is very important. That is where the proximity is so important. We considered all of these things. We think the location is so very important. The class room is in the fields. We need to consider all of the returns, as to this purchase.

1A: CHAIRMAN NICHOLAS: Anyone else wishing to testify on this Bill.

O.K. we will close the hearing on HB 1200 and committee members why don't we take a ten minute break.

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ONE	A		4448 TO 5758
Committee Clerk Signature <i>Edward D. Elbertson</i>			

Minutes:

1A: CHAIRMAN NICHOLAS: Representative Renner makes a DO PASS on HB1200, on HB 1200. Is there a second? Seconded by Rep. Lloyd. Any discussion.

1A: REPRESENTATIVE RENNER: Could we sell the land across the Highway to help defray the cost of the section they are buying.

1A4780 CHAIRMAN NICHOLAS: This is kind of an on going thing. We bought land in the Dickinson area and moved the station out of town.

1A: REPRESENTATIVE BERG: We have a very specific process to sell state land. It is in the statute. It has to be auctioned, appraised and they have the right to refuse to sell. They need authorization from the state legislature to sell. We could put some permissive language so that they could sell should they decide.

1A: CHAIRMAN NICHOLAS: I think we are better off sticking with our existing process. It dose work well and serves us well. It is in the statute. I think land here a Minot is extremely

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important and I just want to put my two bits in here. Any research we do at Fargo or Langdon is worthless. The grain that is coming out of Berthold right now is six to ten damage. It is atrocious but we are taking it. We have a serious problem. We need more research done in the Minot area. This will be referred to the appropriations committee. If there is no further discussion the clerk will take the roll. We have 13 yes'es and we have two absent, and no no's.

Date: 1-26-2001
 Roll Call Vote #: 1

2001 HOUSE STANDING COMMITTEE ROLL CALL VOTES
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House AGRICULTURE Committee

- Subcommittee on _____
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Legislative Council Amendment Number RE-REFERRED TO APPROP.

Action Taken DO PASS

Motion Made By REP. RENNER Seconded By REP. LLOYD

Representatives	Yes	No	Representatives	Yes	No
Eugene Nicholas, Chairman	✓		Rod Froelich		
Dennis E. Johnson - Vice Chairman	✓		Doug Lemieux	✓	
Rick Berg	✓		Philip Mueller	✓	
Michael Brandenburg	✓		Kenton Onstad	✓	
Joyce Kingsbury			Sally M. Slandvig	✓	
Myron Koppang	✓		Dennis J. Renner	✓	
Edward H. Lloyd	✓		Dwight Wrangham	✓	
Bill Pietsch	✓				

Total (Yes) 13 No 0

Absent 2

Floor Assignment REP. NICHOLAS

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

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REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE (410)
January 26, 2001 1:07 p.m.

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REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE

HB 1200: Agriculture Committee (Rep. Nicholas, Chairman) recommends DO PASS and BE REREFERRED to the Appropriations Committee (13 YEAS, 0 NAYS, 2 ABSENT AND NOT VOTING). HB 1200 was rereferred to the Appropriations Committee.

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