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2001 HOUSE POLITICAL SUBDIVISIONS

HB 1215

2001 HOUSE STANDING COMMITTEE MINUTES

BILL/RESOLUTION NO. HB1215

House Political Subdivisions Committee

Conference Committee

Hearing Date 1-26-01

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Committee Clerk Signature <i>Pam Owen</i>			

Minutes: Chair Froseth opened the hearing on HB1215 with all members present except Rep. Fairfield and Rep. Ekstrom.

Rep. DeKrey : This bill was worked together a few years back and didn't get on the governor's budget. It has a lot of merit and it should be considered again. This should at least get down to appropriations. We have 8 armories around the state. The bill would set up matching grant funds if the communities would fix up and maintain the armories, the state will match up to \$25,000. Every four years, we go through a review in Washington, D.C. and Congress looks at the military and sees what the needs are around the US. They look at the guard and the reserve. The guard is a good neighbor to us in ND. They look at is where units will be placed. They will look at the number of man power available, and also, if you have an adequate facility. The guard is a state function. The guard pays rent to cities for the armories. Sometimes the rent doesn't keep up with the maintenance costs. The more people we can sign in ND, the better we look. We need good armories to attract people.

John Dwyer, Officer in Nat'l Guard : I support this bill. There is a great need in the cities for what this bill can do. It will also sent a good signal to our troops that we care.

Connie Sprynezynatyk, ND League of Cities : (560) in support of HB1215. I have included a number of letters from mayors of cities around ND in my packet. (SEE ATTACHED)

Chair Froseth : What is the length of time most of the lease agreements are for?

Connie : I will let the general answer that. I can tell you that the economic impact to the city of Bismarck with the guard here is very, very great. It was estimated at \$60M impact. We are very proud of our relationship with the guard.

Greg Sund, City of Dickinson, Admin. : here in support of HB1215. (SEE ATTACHED) We really want to build a new armory. We have some money set aside for building in the future.

Vice-Chair Severson : Would the city consider remodeling if you don't get the grant?

Greg : We would have to one way or the other. This is a new grant program.

Charlie Kourajian, Mayor of Jamestown : (1220) Here in support of HB1215. The guard uses 5,000 sq. ft. of our civic center. The \$25,000 would be a great impact for Jamestown. We can't afford the upkeep, but we need the guard in Jamestown.

Harry Iverson, Grafton, ND :(1699) here in support of HB1215. (SEE ATTACHED)

Rep. N. Johnson : Do you know how many armories are in ND?

Harry : No, but I think it is 21.

Jonna H. Hochhalter, Mayor of Wishek : here in support of HB1215.(SEE ATTACHED) We need this help because our ranks are up and the facility is down and needs repairs.

Jim Matthiessen, Councilman, Jamestown, ND : here in support of HB1215. The \$25,000 will help keep up the repairs.

Vice-Chair Severson : What portion of your city budget is made up of the guard's rent money?

Jim : The national guard is a smaller portion. The city subsidizes the civic center for the most part. The rent does not give us enough to pay for repairs. We have a five year goal to prioritize all the repairs and upkeep we need.

Jeff Roterig, Hettinger City Attorney : (3286) here in support of HB1215. Our city just replaced the heating system and that was a huge expense. At city council meetings, it appears that the armory is a liability, because it is on the agenda every month. It is the responsibility of the city to pay for all repairs.

Rep. Disrud : If you don't have the guard in there anymore, will you still have the building?

Jeff : If the guard is gone, the city will give the building to the school. I don't know if the school would take it because of all the repairs it needs.

Ron Gagnus, National Guard Adj. General Office : I am neutral. Just here to answer questions. When the armories were constructed, we entered into a 25 year lease agreement with the cities with the option of another 25 years. Most of the armories were built in middle 1950's.

Vice-Chair Severson : Do you think you will extend those leases?

Ron : I believe so. The guard's presence is beneficial to all concerned. We have 19 community owned facilities that qualify for this grant. We have 6 state owned and state operated. I assume all of the communities will ask for grant.

Rep. Maragos moved a DO PASS and Rep. Herbel second.

VOTE: 12 YES and 1 NO with 2 absent. BILL PASSED. Referred to Appropriations.

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

2001 HOUSE STANDING COMMITTEE ROLL CALL VOTES
BILL/RESOLUTION NO. 1715

House POLITICAL SUBDIVISIONS Committee

Subcommittee on _____
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Action Taken Do Pass ↑

Motion Made By Rep. Maragos Seconded By Rep. Herbel

Representatives	Yes	No	Representatives	Yes	No
Chairman Glen Froseth	/		Rep. Wayne W. Tieman	/	
Vice-Chair Dale C. Severson	/				
Rep. Lois Delmore	/				
Rep. Rachael Disrud	/				
Rep. Bruce Eckre	/				
Rep. Mary Ekstrom	AB				
Rep. April Fairfield	AB				
Rep. Michael Grosz		/			
Rep. Jane Gunter	/				
Rep. Gil Herbel	/				
Rep. Nancy Johnson	/				
Rep. William E. Kretschmar	/				
Rep. Carol A. Niemeier	/				
Rep. Andrew G. Maragos	/				

Total (Yes) 12 No 1

Absent 2

Floor Assignment Chair Froseth if needed.

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

REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE (410)
January 26, 2001 10:42 a.m.

Module No: HR-13-1689
Carrier: Froseth
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REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE

HB 1215: Political Subdivisions Committee (Rep. Froseth, Chairman) recommends DO PASS and BE REREFERRED to the Appropriations Committee (12 YEAS, 1 NAY, 2 ABSENT AND NOT VOTING). HB 1215 was rereferred to the Appropriations Committee.

2001 HOUSE APPROPRIATIONS

HB 1215

2001 HOUSE STANDING COMMITTEE MINUTES

BILL/RESOLUTION NO. HB1215A

House Appropriations Committee

Conference Committee

Hearing Date February 14, 2001

Tape Number	Side A	Side B	Meter #
1	x		1107 - 1483
Committee Clerk Signature <i>L. Swanson</i>			

Minutes:

HOUSE APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE HEARING ON HB1215A.

Rep. Dekray: HB1215 is a supplemental appropriation about what was in the governor's budget for matching grant program to counties and cities that have national guard armories in their towns. The reason I submitted the bill is that right now congress is going through the quadrennial defense review process and they take a look at the military from the bottom up top down and one of the things, or small things that gets looked at is the facilities in which we house our guard and reserve units and there is quite a problem out there in the states in our smaller cities that the armories are in pretty tough shape and I handed out a sheet that shows what the economic impact of those guard units in those cities are and if we start losing our armories because they are not functional any more, those are the kind of dollars we could be losing in those small communities and I think that anybody that has been in rural North Dakota lately can testify to the fact that we certainly don't need to lose any more dollars out there. The way the fund would work is if they

would match the \$25,000 the state would kick in \$25,000 for maintenance and repair of their armory and it would have to be approved by the Adjutant General they just couldn't go to fix something that they decided to do, they would have to be in conjunction with the guard. That's it, its pretty simply, I'm a realist I know about not having any money, but I do think that this is one of those things that should be kept alive if possible.

Rep. Timm: The guard itself doesn't have this money in their budget to do any of this type of work?

Rep. Dekray: The administration did not allow them to stick in their budget.

Rep. Warner: Can you define political subdivision a little better? Is this typically cities?

Rep. Dekray: It is typically cities but we do have an armory that is owned by a county and that's why we use the language of political subdivision instead of city. The original draft I had did have city in there but then when we realized that we had a county that owned an armory then we switched it to political subdivision and that's just to cover that one armory.

Rep. Gulleason: On your map, some of these are not political subs owned, some are still under the guard. Right?

Rep. Dekray: Yes, that is correct, the major cities and the new armories that we have in the major cities are actually owned by the federal government, so its the small rural areas that we are concerned about.

Rep. Timm: Any other questions of Rep. Dekray? Any other testimony in support of HB1215? Any opposition to HB1215? Hearing on on HB1215 was closed.

End committee hearing on HB1215A.

2001 HOUSE STANDING COMMITTEE MINUTES

BILL/RESOLUTION NO. **HB1215B**

House Appropriations Committee

Conference Committee

Hearing Date **February 14, 2001**

Tape Number	Side A	Side B	Meter #
2	x		1430 - 1677
Committee Clerk Signature <i>L. F. Dauter</i>			

Minutes:

HOUSE APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE ACTION ON HB1215B.

Rep. Timm: This is the bill that appropriates \$475,000 for armories. Moved by Rep. Skarphol, Seconded by Rep. Carlisle for a DO NOT PASS. Any discussion? If not we will call the roll.
(5) YES (8) NO (8) absent and not voting. Motion failed and I'm going to hold this bill until we get the full committee.

End committee action on HB1215B.

2001 HOUSE STANDING COMMITTEE MINUTES

BILL/RESOLUTION NO. **HB1215**

House Appropriations Committee

Conference Committee

Hearing Date **February 19, 2001**

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Committee Clerk Signature			

Minutes:

HOUSE APPROPRIATIONS ACTION ON HB1215.

Rep. Timm: This bill provides an appropriation to the Adjutant General's office for \$475,000 and puts out a \$25,000 grant per political subdivision to repair armories. I'm proposing an amendment that will cut that \$475,000 down to \$250,000, and Rep. Dekray says he wants to testify on that particular amendment.

Rep. Dekray: I certainly would support that amendment, its quite a cut from the 19 armories down to 10, but I think the situation in those small rural armories has gotten to the point where there is really a lot of maintenance work that needs to be done out there, and with the National Defense review going on right now, there is a movement in progress where they are trying to move these small armories to a larger towns where they have larger armories. I think that as far as the local citizen goes, the guys that are actually drilling in these armories is somewhere from a private to an E-4, and on a whole weekend he's probably making somewhere around \$150 to

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\$200 a month and if he has to drive to the major cities he is just not going to be in the guard, and the guard brings in \$30 million dollars a year in salaries alone to these small communities, and certainly is half of what it was, but I certainly can support it and would urge the committee to do so to.

Rep. Timm: I would appreciate a motion to adopt the amendment? Moved by Rep. Wald to adopt the amendment, seconded by Rep. Monson. Any discussion?

Rep. Martinson: Didn't we vote on this bill before? Yes, but no final action was taken.

Rep. Wald: A question for Rep. Dekray. Does this only apply to the state armories, and not the federal? Answer was yes.

Rep. Timm: Any other discussion on the amendment? All those in favor of adopting the amendment say AYE. Voice vote. Motion passes. Moved by Rep. Wald for a DO PASS as amended, Seconded by Rep. Monson. Any discussion on the bill? Roll Call vote taken. (16) YES (3) NO. (2) Absent and not voting. Motion passes. Rep. Wald will carry bill to the floor.

End committee action on HB1215.

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Prepared by the Legislative Council staff for
Representative Timm
February 15, 2001

PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO HOUSE BILL NO. 1215

Page 1, line 5, replace "\$475,000" with "\$250,000"

Renumber accordingly

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE OF AMENDMENT:

HOUSE - This amendment reduces the amount of funding to be provided to the Adjutant General for maintenance and repair of political subdivision-owned armories by \$225,000, from \$475,000 to \$250,000.

