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2001 HOUSE GOVERNMENT AND VETERANS AFFAIRS

HB 1317

2001 HOUSE STANDING COMMITTEE MINUTES

BILL/RESOLUTION NO. HB 1317

House Government and Veterans Affairs Committee

Conference Committee

Hearing Date 1-26-01

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| Committee Clerk Signature <i>Robin A. Small</i> | | | |

Minutes:

REP. M. KLEIN called the meeting to order with all committee members present.

In favor:

REP. EKSTROM introduced the bill. Please see attached testimony.

REP. M. KLEIN asks if the population is increased, doesn't that increase additional problems?

EKSTROM replies that she is for domestic immigration.

REP. HUNSKOR asks if there are agencies that perform these functions? EKSTROM replies that the primary focus has been from the economic people, to get the jobs here.

REP. M. KLEIN asks about the division of higher education that EKSTROM has in the bill, and a division in the department of commerce. Are we creating two bureaucracies? EKSTROM replies that if SB 2032 does not pass, to create a department of commerce, they want to put it under another bill.

REP. KLEMIN asks why the board of higher education? EKSTROM replies that LARRY ISSAC was initially agreeable having it a part of higher education, the more he thought about it then he changed his mind to no. But he is very much in favor for the idea of immigration.

REP. BELLEW asks why this department was eliminated in the first place? EKSTROM replies that she has a document that talks about immigration in the state. They had hit a peak, and thought that it would continue to grow, so they didn't think they had a need to bring more immigrants here. So it then was abandoned.

REP. KROEBER asks how would this go along with the Homestead bill that they are working on in congress? EKSTROM replies that it would go hand in hand with what they are already trying to do. REP. KROEBER asks if that id the program that they bring people in that are highly trained? EKSTROM states, yes that is right.

REP. DEVLIN asks about the department of commerce that should pass, and isn't a little premature to already be changing it, we haven't even been able to see it work? EKSTROM replies that she agrees. EKSTROM wants to get this out, but it is only a baby step. Let's get people to North Dakota. REP. DEVLIN asks isn't E.D & F, doing that? EKSTROM replies that they are doing a great job. REP. DEVLIN states that E.D & F, has the people in place doing those things. Those agencies are doing these things. REP. DEVLIN comments that EKSTROM has not proven that the agencies are not doing their jobs. REP. DEVLIN states a personal opinion of each county having their own immigration department.

Neutral:

TED QUANRUD, NORTH DAKOTA DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Please see attached testimony.

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Action was taken later that afternoon. REP. KASPER motioned for a DO NOT PASS, seconded by REP. BELLEW. The roll call vote was taken, with 14 yes, 1 no, 0 absent and not voting. The carrier of the bill is REP. BRUSEGAARD.

HB 1317: DO NOT PASS 14-1-0

CARRIER: REP. BRUSEGAARD

FISCAL NOTE

Requested by Legislative Council

01/17/2001

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Amendment to:

1A. State fiscal effect: *Identify the state fiscal effect and the fiscal effect on agency appropriations compared to funding levels and appropriations anticipated under current law.*

| | 1999-2001 Biennium | | 2001-2003 Biennium | | 2003-2005 Biennium | |
|----------------|--------------------|-------------|--------------------|-------------|--------------------|-------------|
| | General Fund | Other Funds | General Fund | Other Funds | General Fund | Other Funds |
| Revenues | | | | | | |
| Expenditures | | | \$177,265 | | \$185,000 | |
| Appropriations | | | | | | |

1B. County, city, and school district fiscal effect: *Identify the fiscal effect on the appropriate political subdivision.*

| 1999-2001 Biennium | | | 2001-2003 Biennium | | | 2003-2005 Biennium | | |
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| Counties | Cities | School Districts | Counties | Cities | School Districts | Counties | Cities | School Districts |
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2. Narrative: *Identify the aspects of the measure which cause fiscal impact and include any comments relevant to your analysis.*

This fiscal note includes one FTE at a salary of \$4,885 per month and \$25,000 for operating expenses and \$5,500 for equipment.

3. State fiscal effect detail: *For information shown under state fiscal effect in 1A, please:*

A. Revenues: *Explain the revenue amounts. Provide detail, when appropriate, for each revenue type and fund affected and any amounts included in the executive budget.*

B. Expenditures: *Explain the expenditure amounts. Provide detail, when appropriate, for each agency, line item, and fund affected and the number of FTE positions affected.*

Salary \$146,765

Operating 25,000

Equipment 5,500

C. Appropriations: *Explain the appropriation amounts. Provide detail, when appropriate, of the effect on the biennial appropriation for each agency and fund affected and any amounts included in the executive budget. Indicate the relationship between the amounts shown for expenditures and appropriations.*

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| Name: | Pam Sharp | Agency: | OMB |
| Phone Number: | 328-4606 | Date Prepared: | 01/25/2001 |

Date: 1-26-01

Roll Call Vote #: 1

2001 HOUSE STANDING COMMITTEE ROLL CALL VOTES
BILL/RESOLUTION NO. NB 1317

House GOVERNMENT AND VETERANS AFFAIRS Committee

Subcommittee on _____

or

Conference Committee

Legislative Council Amendment Number _____

Action Taken Do Not Pass

Motion Made By Kasper Seconded By Bellew

| Representatives | Yes | No | Representatives | Yes | No |
|-------------------|-----|----|-----------------|-----|----|
| CHAIRMAN KLEIN | ✓ | | REP KROEBER | | ✓ |
| VICE CHAIR GRANDE | ✓ | | | | |
| REP BELLEW | ✓ | | | | |
| REP BRUSEGAARD | ✓ | | | | |
| REP CLARK | ✓ | | | | |
| REP DEVLIN | ✓ | | | | |
| REP HAAS | ✓ | | | | |
| REP KASPER | ✓ | | | | |
| REP KLEMIN | ✓ | | | | |
| REP MEIER | ✓ | | | | |
| REP WIKENHEISER | ✓ | | | | |
| REP CLEARY | ✓ | | | | |
| REP HUNSKOR | ✓ | | | | |
| REP METCALF | ✓ | | | | |

Total (Yes) 14 No 1

Absent _____

Floor Assignment Rep. Brusegaard

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

REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE (410)
January 26, 2001 12:34 p.m.

Module No: HR-14-1718
Carrier: Brusegaard
Insert LC: . Title: .

REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE

HB 1317: Government and Veterans Affairs Committee (Rep. M. Klein, Chairman)
recommends **DO NOT PASS** (14 YEAS, 1 NAY, 0 ABSENT AND NOT VOTING).
HB 1317 was placed on the Eleventh order on the calendar.

2001 TESTIMONY

HB 1317

HB 1317 Division of Immigration
January 26, 2001

Good Morning Chairman Klein and members of the committee. My name is Mary Ekstrom. I am a Representative from District 11 in South Fargo.

House Bill 1317 proposes the creation of a Division of Immigration under the new Department of Commerce. The original Board of Immigration was formed in 1913 and was abandoned as a concept in the 1930's. The lack of growth in our population, out migration, and labor shortages all point to the need to reestablish a division in State government to promote and encourage both foreign and domestic immigration to our state.

Other states like Iowa have been particularly innovative in their approach to dealing with the shortage of people in their state. I have enclosed an excerpt from Iowa's plan called, 'Iowa 2010'.

While we did grow a little according to the last census, we did not experience the increase in population that the states surrounding North Dakota enjoyed. We need to find out why and reverse the trend. Many of the problems that we face as legislators would be helped by having a larger population base. We need more tax revenue to address all of the infrastructure needs that we now ponder, be it roads, schools, or hospitals. The only alternative solution would be to raise taxes - which is not acceptable.

We need to resettle this land and educate people on the wonders and beauty of our state. As many of you know, I am a transplant to North Dakota. I moved here in 1989 from Richmond, Virginia. I grew up in Baltimore, MD. I know that there are many others who would move here if they knew what a great place this is. In coordination with our efforts to create new jobs to attract people, we need to publicize the benefits of the state to draw people with skills, entrepreneurship and dreams.

We all know how beautiful North Dakota can be. During my last campaign I drove past a lovely rolling plain up near Minot. In the center of this great wide open land were two pick-up trucks parked head to head. I envisioned a poster for smoggy, noisy, crowded Los Angeles. "Know Open Spaces" with a picture of trucks parked in a meadow with nothing but beauty and peace for miles around. I know that it would be appealing to those poor people who endure hours of commuting, who don't know their neighbors, and live in fear for their children. North Dakota has so much to offer - we just need to get the word out.

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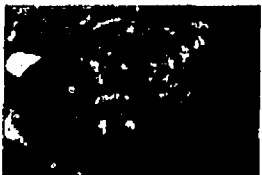
Isaak: Boost N.D. population with immigration office

By Janell Cole
Forum Capitol Correspondent

BISMARCK, N.D. — To increase the state's population, North Dakota's higher education chancellor has proposed bringing back a state government office that has not existed in decades.

Speaking to the Legislature's interim Commerce and Labor Committee Monday, Chancellor Larry Isaak said the most critical factor in the state's economic development efforts is increasing the state's population.

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the state's population. He cited facts and statistics about North Dakota's natural resources and "social and recruitment conditions" and listed the advantages nationally and internationally available to newcomers.

"This was done for many years of statehood through the state board of immigration," Isaak said. "It's fascinating to see the advertising."

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we could add - he quipped.
But he also welcomed Isaak's information, asking the chancellor to leave his research on the Immigration Board with the committee.

Isaak's comments came after he gave the interim Labor and Commerce Committee the same speech he presented to the Legislature's interim Higher Education Committee on June 30 - saying the state needs to study the higher education system and find out how it can play a key role in the future plans and projections for the state.

Isaak wants the university system to be able to furnish the state's businesses

and industries with the most advanced employees possible for the future business climate.

"That if North Dakota was known as the most technologically advanced state," he asked. "Think of an article in the Wall Street Journal saying that."

The Greater North Dakota Association, Gov. Ed Schafer and others have also endorsed the Higher Education Committee's study.

The Higher Education Committee plans to work with the colleges and business and labor leaders to come up with a plan similar to the Vision 2000 work 10 years ago.

