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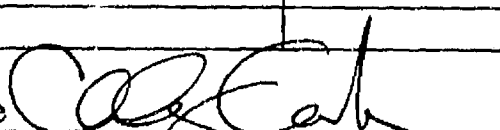
2003 HOUSE STANDING COMMITTEE MINUTES

BILL/RESOLUTION NO. 1005

House Appropriations Committee
Human Resources Division

Conference Committee

Hearing Date January 15, 2003

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Minutes:

Ms. Cheryl Kulas, Executive Director, ND Indian Affairs Commission (see attached testimony)

Ms. Kulas, testifying mainly from her prepared testimony, was asked whether or not the commission collects any fees from the publication of its directory. Ms. Kulas said the commission does not collect any fees for the directory. In addition, she referred to a proposal that would allow the commission to establish a revolving printing fund. Chairman Delzer wondered whether or not the commission would begin to collect fees for the directory. Kulas responded that because the budget is so limited, charging fees would represent an opportunity to raise revenue. The commission has been asked to develop materials for the upcoming Lewis and Clark Bicentennial and Kulas sees fees as a way of continuing the commission's outreach and to raise funds. In response to Chairman Delzer, Kulas said that the commission has the opportunity to raise around \$25,000 if the commission charged fees for the directory.

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Mr. Phil Baird, Member, ND Indian Affairs Commission & Academic Dean, UTTC (see attached testimony)

Testifying mostly from his prepared testimony, Mr. Baird said that UTTC conducted a study to measure UTTC's economic impact on Bismarck. He stated that it is their estimate that UTTC contributes nearly \$40 million dollars to the economy. Mr. Baird also said that it is his view that Indians and non-Indians must join together to find solutions to the issues that we currently face. In addition, he stated that the native population in ND is growing, and is the only growing segment of the population. Mr. Baird said it is this population that is the workforce of the future. He said that this population comprises a lot of talent and that many Indians are more and more willing to leave the reservation in order to find employment.

Mr. Kurt Luger, Chairman, ND Indian Gaming Committee

Mr. Luger stated the commission is a valuable resource that provides information. He also said that the commission has been an integral part in building, strengthening, and maintaining a healthy relationship between the tribal and state government. Mr. Luger praised this relationship as being positive and cited the Collective Gaming Compact and the problem gambling programs as examples of how state and tribal government have successfully meshed. He also stated that gaming has created 2,104 full-time positions with benefits in ND in areas where economic development is rare and difficult to maintain. In addition, Mr. Luger said that since 1997, \$1 billion has been added to our economy through gaming-related purchases. Mr. Luger also stated that a new program, "Federal Indian Law Review" program with UND Law School that is privately funded, will study federal policies and relationships to constitutional issues with regard to tribal law.

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Returning, Ms. Kulas continued her testimony on her commission's budget. (see attached) In response to the committee's questions, Ms. Kulas addressed her salary line-item and stated that the savings shown are the result of the vacancy of the directorship. In addition, she said that her printing costs are lower because the commission opted not to reprint the directory this year to save money. Chairman Delzer questioned the IT hookup charges and optional requests. Ms. Kulas stated that they were not planning on purchasing any equipment over the next biennium and outlined what the dues and professional development line-item comprises. Ms. Kulas confirmed that \$36,622 was the spin-down and that the differential is explained by a reduction of one percent.

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Minutes: Committee Work

Chairman Delzer called the meeting to order with all members present. The committee began a budget review. Discussion centered around the amendment that was proposed by Cheryl Kulas, Director of Indian Affairs. DPI has a revolving printing fund that would be utilized to print both the curriculum guide and the guide published by the commission.

Chairman Delzer asked for the balance of the fund. Kulas responded that when she left DPI in April 2001, the balance of the fund was around \$24,000. The proposed amendment requests \$50,000, but Chairman Delzer suggested that \$25,000 would be a more appropriate figure. Kulas agreed with that amount. Ms. Kulas also stated that any new development projects will transpire using existing commission staff and resources.

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Cheryl Kulas also stated that the directory is valuable and thinks that there will be enough demand for it that people and organizations will purchase the directory. She also stated that the guide is reprinted every biennium.

Chairman DeIver stated that there will need to be a specific section within the amendment that addresses the transfer of printing funds from DPI.

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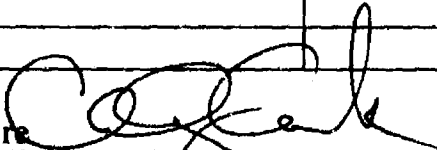
2003 HOUSE STANDING COMMITTEE MINUTES

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Hearing Date February 12, 2003

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Minutes: Committee Work

Chairman Delzer called meeting to order with all members present. He gave an overview of the amendment and explained the changes.

Rep. Kerzman stated that he thinks that the committee needs to be fair with IT reductions. In addition, he stated that he thinks that the \$2,500 reduction should be put back into the budget and requested that it be pulled out of the amendment and voted on separately.

Vice-Chair Warnke moved to accept the change requested by Rep. Kerzman.

Rep. Kerzman seconded that motion.

Rep. Kerzman said that he feels that for a budget of this size, this represents a large hit.

Rep. Kempenich argued that the commission does not necessarily need a new computer, but are instead, just replacing their equipment on an IT schedule.

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