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2003 HOUSE APPROPRIATIONS

HB 1013

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2003 HOUSE STANDING COMMITTEE MINUTES

BILL/RESOLUTION NO. HB1013

House Appropriations Committee
Government Operations Division

Conference Committee

Hearing Date January 15, 2003

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Committee Clerk Signature <i>Kelley Schmidt</i>			

Minutes:

Chairman Carlisle called the hearing to order, and roll was taken, all Rep. were present. Rep. Carlisle, Rep. Carson, Rep. Skarphol, Rep. Thoreson, Rep. Koppelman, Rep. Warner, Rep. Kroeber, Rep. Glasheim, and Rep. Tim.

Gary Prezler, State Land Commissioner, State Land Department shared his written testimony in support of HB 1013.

Rep. Glasheim asked how the money is distributed throughout the state.

Gary Prezler responded, the farm pool program. Lenders are more competitive with rates therefore, levels are decreasing.

Chairman Carlisle asked were the additional \$37,000 in the IT line was attributed to.

Gary Prezler responded replacement of equipment.

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Gary Preszler in a response to a question from Rep. Koppleman, 14 million is currently being held in the unclaimed property pool.

Rep. Koppleman asked about the recovery efforts of his department regarding unclaimed property.

Gary Preszler responded a listing is run in the local and county newspapers. A notice will also be sent to the last address listed, occasionally, it's a book keeping issue and the department may not accept the money as being theirs.

Rep. Koppelman commented... There are several people that have no idea this exists. It's noble for the state to be the keeper of these funds, however, we have a responsibility to look for the folks and connect them to their funds.

Rep. Skarphol recommended an amendment to the agency budget that if a state agency does not claim those funds within a 12 month period, the funds should be put into the general fund.

Gary Preszler In some cases the agency doesn't claim the funds yet, it sits because of a book error with the company involved.

Rep. Koppelman commented on the high price of the unclaimed property software, and asked if the department has contact ^{ITD} ID to try and duplicate the software at a lesser cost.

Gary Preszler responded his department has not worked the IT department on this project.

In response to a questions from Rep. Skarphol a plan was given to the IT department regarding the interfacing issues. No final decision has been made.

Rep. Tim asked what was the balance in the common schools fund.

Gary Preszler 92% of total investments of trusts 475 million, it has some growth potential with the tobacco money and unclaimed property.

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Rep. Carson requested for a spreadsheet of the trusts managed by the department and what moneys are sent to the General Fund.

Gary Preszler written response will be provided

Rep. Carson asked when tracking tobacco money, numbers are not matching estimates.

Gary Preszler to date that amount is 38.4 million

Chairman Carlisle requested from OMB the change in estimated funds from the Land and Mineral trust to the general fund. A written response is found in the testimony.

Rick Larson, Director, Energy Development Impact Office, shared written testimony in support of HB1013.

Vicky Stelner, Exec. Director ND Association of Oil & Gas Producing Counties. Shared written testimony in support of HB 1013, and a hand out "Needs Assessment Survey"

Ward Koester, Mayor, Williston, ND spoke in support of HB 1013. The city of Williston, ND ended with an increase in special assessments when the oil boom was depleted. Help with the oil impact grants and an increase in sales taxes helped to resolve the challenges facing the city. He thanked the committee for their assistance in meeting the needs of the city.

Rep. Tim asked what the city has done so the city will put some controls on the expansions should there be another boom.

Ward Koester responded the city as put some practices in place to allow them to set some money aside. They have learned from their past and are working to diversify the community.

Warren Larson, Superintendent of Schools, Williston, ND shared written testimony with the committee in support of HB 1013. He shared they have one of the highest levies in the state, yet

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are a frugal district, they are unable to maintain a large fund balance and are taxing to the utmost, yet are unable to bring in enough funds to meet the needs.

Chairman Carlisle asked is the district had a plan for the future.

Ward Koeser, Mayor responded the greatest asset of the city of Williston is it's water resources, they are working to increase irrigation, value added AG and tourism. They have yet to "land" a big manufacturer but are working.

Dan Brosz, Bowman County Engineer, shared written testimony with the committee in support of HB 1013. He was accompanied by County Commissioners Eugene Miller, Ken Steiner, and Eldon "Bus" Patterson. He shared the effects of the drilling in the county and the challenges and cooperative efforts being placed on Bowman Co.

Rep. Tim asked if a company invested in the road going into their plant.

Dan Brosz, they participate by paying a 5% tax. They may do maintenance, and they build the small entrance road. A partnership was established to build the Little Missouri bridge, that investment saved many miles of travel on county roads. They biggest challenge of the county are the resurfacing of roads. Energy Impact has made a lot possible in the county. The oil companies are good partners with other needs i.e.: law enforcement, fire etc.

Hearing no further testimony on HB1013 the hearing was closed.

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Minutes: **COMMITTEE WORK**

In attendance: Rep. Skarphol, Rep. Koppelman, Rep. Carlisle, Rep. Kroeber, Rep. Warner, and Rep. Thoreson.

Linda Fisher, Land Dept. Provided an agency written amendment regarding unclaimed property, see attached. Rep. Skarphol had also drafted an amendment, it was determined an amendment would be drafted by Legislative Council including both and signed by Rep. Koppelman.

Lynn Helms, Oil & Gas Division his proposed budget will give up 2 FTE's, he voiced a concern over the loss of 2, he felt his department could manage better with the loss of 1FTE. A new web based program will be used to make the auditor position easier, as producers will submit their own data. His department currently has 2FTE's services are adequate and reasonable. However, he felt there were unfair and unreasonable charges to every wall jack. His

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