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2003 HOUSE AGRICULTURE

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2003 HOUSE STANDING COMMITTEE MINUTES

BILL/RESOLUTION NO. HB 1066

House Agriculture Committee

Conference Committee

Hearing Date 1--17--03

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Committee Clerk Signature <i>Edward D. Clayton</i>			

Minutes:

CHAIRMAN NICHOLAS : We will open on HB 1066. Judy Carlson, Project Safe Send Coordinator is here so will turn it over to her.

JUDY CARSON: Thank you Mr. Chairman and Committee Members. My name is Judy Carlson. I am the coordinator of Project Safe Send for the Department of Agriculture. We have a hand out for you. Hopefully it will give you a lot of information of interest to you. What we have collected in the past two years. One of the reasons this Bill comes up every session is that there is a sunset clause. Some day, hopeful, we will get most of pesticides, containers etc. Collected. {{{{{{PLEASE SEE THE TESTIMONY ATTACHED AS TO JUDY CARLSONS COMMENTS, TESTIMONY.

CHAIRMAN NICHOLAS: Other comments on Bill.

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REPRESENTATIVE AARSVOLD: I am a cosponsor of the Safe Send project. We have collected thousands of unsafe pounds of out dated and other wise dangerous chemicals. Put them into incinerators so that the environment of our state stays clean. This activity Has of course has limited liability in our state, as to environmental contamination and also protects the health of the people in our state and gives them a better place to live. In the future with the advent of genetically modified products that we will be seeing less of a demand for a project like Safe Send because chemicals will be replaced by genetically modified in those Products. I hope you will support the Bill.

CHAIRMAN NICHOLAS : Senator Ron Nichols

SENATOR NICHOLS: I appear today in favor of HB 1066. It is an excellent program.

I encourage Judy to make know pick up points, times etc. We should check on abandon farms and farm buildings etc. Because there chemicals in the some of the buildings. I think we need to get those places cleaned up Thank you and I hope you will support HB 1066.

CHAIRMAN NICHOLAS : Any questions Committee Members.

VICE CHAIRMAN POLLERT: Any other testimony on HB 1066.

MARK SITZ: I am a farmer and I represent North Dakota Farmers Union. We stand in support of HB 1066. We have a roll on the board. We use the program and see a need for the continuation. Please support the Bill. Thanks

GARY KNUTSON: I am with the NORTH DAKOTA AGRICULTURE ASSOCIATION.

We endorse the program. We have a seat on the advisory board. We have been with the Bill since it's inception. The program is well run by Judy.

VICE CHAIRMAN POLLERT: Anyone else in favor of Bill. I have a letter from Steve

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Strøge, North Dakota Grain Dealers Association. In essence he states the association supports HB 1066. He states we believe it is a worth cause. Please see attached letter from Steven.

VICE CHAIRMAN POLLERT: Any other testimony in support of Bill. Any opposition?

REP. KINGSBURY : How many pick up sights.

JUDY CARLSON: We have over 100 pick up sights. We may change the pickup to less sights.

But have two day events rather than one and more people may participate. Make it more assessable to the general public.

REPRESENTATIVE BELTER: Is there a lot of chemicals being sprayed out? Is there a lot of rinse water being brought in? Commercial operators etc.

JUDY CARLSON: We do charge a dollar a pound for rinse water.

REP. WRANGHAM : History of the cost of program. Where the money comes from.

JUDY CARLSON: Money comes from registration fees. Earth environment and range protection. We stay within budget. Any extra money goes back into Earth Fund.

We are a pesticide disposal program. We encourage people to bring in empty jugs. We recycle the jugs. The pesticide companies helps pay for the program. They are helping keep the environment clean.

CHAIRMAN NICHOLAS : Anyone else wishing to make comments on this Bill.

Any opposition on HB 1066? Committee Members. What are your wishes on HB 1066?

REPRESENTATIVE KREIDT MADE MOTION FOR A DO PASS. REPRESENTATIVE

BOE SECONDED THE MOTION. ROLL CALL WAS TAKEN AND BILL PASSED

THERE WERE:

13 YES 0 NO 0 ABSENT. REPRESENTATIVE ONSTAD CARRIED BILL.

FISCAL NOTE
 Requested by Legislative Council
 03/04/2003

Amendment to: HB 1066

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.*

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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.*

Expenditures are for contracting with a hazardous waste disposal company to transport and dispose of the unusable pesticides, including 0.5 FTE to coordinate and administer the activities of this program.

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.*

The funds are appropriated from the Environment and Rangeland Protection Fund. The appropriation is included in the executive recommendation in the Safe Send line of the Agriculture Commissioner budget SB 2009.

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