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2003 HOUSE APPROPRIATIONS

HB 1117

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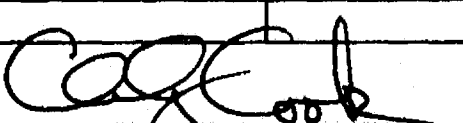
2003 HOUSE STANDING COMMITTEE MINUTES

BILL/RESOLUTION NO. 1117

House Appropriations Committee  
Human Resources Division

Conference Committee

Hearing Date January 20, 2003

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Minutes:

**Mr. Ray Harkema, Commissioner, Veterans Affairs (See attached testimony)**

Mr. Harkema started testimony in support of the bill. He stated that there is a conflict between 37-14-03.3 and 37-14-11 of the ND Century Code and requests that the language be changed in order to alleviate the conflict.

**Mr. Bob Hanson, Vice Chairman, Veterans Coordinating Council, (See attached testimony)**

Mr. Hanson testified in support of an amendment that will change the definition of "veteran" to be more in line with the Federal definition. He stated that a new definition would increase the number of veterans that the aid fund is able to serve. Mr. Hanson also stated that he felt the \$5000 grant/loan level to be sufficient. He also addressed the fiscal responsibility questions posed to him by the committee. He said that if the fund gets too low because of the additional

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veterans served, like in the past, the fund will stop the loan/grant functions until the money pool increases.

**Ron Otto, County Veterans Services, Morton County**

Mr. Otto testified briefly in support of the amendment to the bill. He stated that a new definition would only serve to help more veterans.

**Mr. Jim Brent, Veterans Services, Cass County**

Mr. Brent testified in support of the amendment, stating that it will only assist more veterans.

**Mr. Ray Harkema** returned to testify chiefly to address questions from the committee regarding the number of veterans currently served by the fund and the increase that may occur because of the change in language. Mr. Harkema stated that in the last year, six cases have been denied because of status questions. Of the six, the proposed amendment would have made no difference in four of the cases. In addition, Mr. Harkema stated that currently, there is an appeal process that a veteran is able to utilize in order to review a denial.

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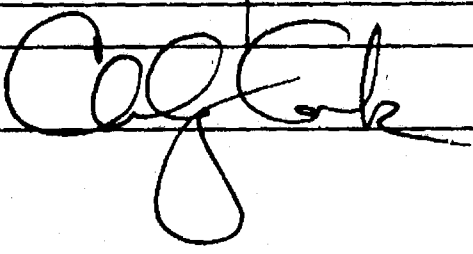
2003 HOUSE STANDING COMMITTEE MINUTES

BILL/RESOLUTION NO. 1117

House Appropriations Committee  
Human Resources Division

Conference Committee

Hearing Date January 27, 2003

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Minutes:

General discussion regarding the purpose of the bill and amendment. It was noted that this bill does not eliminate the fund, it only removes specific reference to an appropriation amount. In addition, **Rep. Metcalf** asked why the fund is reduced in size. **Chairman Delzer** responded that the fund hopefully would stay above the appropriated figure with loan repayments and interest. However this has not happened. Additionally, because of the budget situation, the state cannot afford to refund at the \$700,000 level at this time.

Motion to accept by Rep. Metcalf; seconded by Rep. Bellew; motion carried, 4 to 0.

Motion to pass by Rep. Kempenich; seconded by Rep. Metcalf; motion carried, 4 to 0.

Carrier of the bill: Rep. Kempenich.

Recessed.

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**FISCAL NOTE**  
 Requested by Legislative Council  
 01/03/2003

Bill/Resolution No.: HB 1117

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.

|                | 2001-2003 Biennium |             | 2003-2005 Biennium |             | 2005-2007 Biennium |             |
|----------------|--------------------|-------------|--------------------|-------------|--------------------|-------------|
|                | General Fund       | Other Funds | General Fund       | Other Funds | General Fund       | Other Funds |
| Revenues       |                    |             |                    |             |                    |             |
| Expenditures   |                    |             |                    |             |                    |             |
| Appropriations |                    |             |                    |             |                    |             |

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

| 2001-2003 Biennium |        |                  | 2003-2005 Biennium |        |                  | 2005-2007 Biennium |        |                  |
|--------------------|--------|------------------|--------------------|--------|------------------|--------------------|--------|------------------|
| 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 bill is to reconcile NDCC 37-14-03.3 and NDCC 37-14-11 in reference to the Veterans' Aid Loan Fund. It is to clarify legislative intent regarding usage of the Fund.

There is no fiscal impact.

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.

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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| <b>Name:</b>         | Cathy Halgunseth | <b>Agency:</b>        | Veterans Affairs |
| <b>Phone Number:</b> | 239-7165         | <b>Date Prepared:</b> | 01/06/2002       |

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Title.

Prepared by the Legislative Council staff for  
Representative Deizer  
January 23, 2003

**PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO HOUSE BILL NO. 1117**

Page 1, line 6, overstrike "The sum of seven hundred thousand dollars is a"

Page 1, line 7, overstrike "permanent revolving fund of the veterans' aid fund and may not  
revert to the general fund"

Page 1, line 8, remove the underscored period and after "the" insert "permanent revolving fund  
of the veterans' aid"

Renumber accordingly

**STATEMENT OF PURPOSE OF AMENDMENT:**

HOUSE - This amendment removes the reference to a sum of \$700,000 in the permanent  
revolving fund of the veterans' aid fund.

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Date: January 27, 2003  
Roll Call Vote #: one

**2003 HOUSE STANDING COMMITTEE ROLL CALL VOTES  
BILL/RESOLUTION NO. 1117**

House Appropriations - Human Resources Division Committee

Check here for Conference Committee

Legislative Council Amendment Number 38074.0101

Action Taken Do Pass

Motion Made By Rep. Kempenich Seconded By Rep. Metcalf

| Representatives                | Yes | No | Representatives | Yes | No |
|--------------------------------|-----|----|-----------------|-----|----|
| Rep. Jeff Delzer, Chairman     | X   |    |                 |     |    |
| Rep. Amy Warnke, Vice Chairman |     |    |                 |     |    |
| Rep. Larry Bellew              | X   |    |                 |     |    |
| Rep. Keith Kempenich           | X   |    |                 |     |    |
| Rep. James Kerzman             |     |    |                 |     |    |
| Rep. Ralph Metcalf             | X   |    |                 |     |    |
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Total (Yes) four No 0

Absent Vice-chairman Warnke, Rep. Kerzman

Floor Assignment Rep. Kempenich

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

Removes the reference to a sum of \$700,000 in the permanent revolving fund fo the Veteran's Aid Fund.

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