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## 2007 HOUSE STANDING COMMITTEE MINUTES

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Minutes:

House Appropriations- Government Operations Division Subcommittee Meeting was called to order by Chairman Carlson.

**Colonel Bryan Klipfel** – Superintendent of the North Dakota Highway Patrol discussed the budget requested for the North Dakota Highway Patrol. See Attached 1-8-07a, 1-8-07b and 1-8-07c.

Colonel Klipfel discussed the Operational Goals for the North Dakota Highway Patrol. The first of these goals is: Concentrate efforts towards patrolling highways and being visible. The North Dakota Highway Patrol currently has zero vacancies including 16 individuals that are going through the academy. There are currently 186 total employees. The goal for the average Road Patrol Hours is 105 hours per month. For the 2005-2007 biennium, their totals were 102.42 Road Patrol Hours per month. These totals increased due the addition of the mobile data computer allowing the troopers to do reports from their car increasing visibility.

The next operational goal is to reduce crashes and investigate when they occur. They do this thru education, enforcement and professional and caring investigation. In 2006, the North

Dakota Highway Patrol reports 111 traffic fatalities. Colonel Klipfel explained some of the equipment used in investigating crashes.

The third operational goal is impact alcohol abuse relating to DUI and underage consumption and the tragedies that happen on our highways as a result. The North Dakota Highway Patrol has seen an increase in the number of DUI's. A strong enforcement effort has been maintained through the use of the DUI team in the North Dakota Highway Patrol. This team consists of troopers who excel in DUI enforcement. They are utilized state wide to assist in the detection and apprehension of impaired drivers.

**Representative Williams:** How many of those 111 deaths were alcohol related?

**Colonel Klipfel:** 40-45%.

**Representative Williams:** Has there been a drop in alcohol related deaths with the education in schools?

**Colonel Klipfel:** Yes, the number has come down. In 1971 there were 227 people on the highways. A lot of the reason for the drop is getting impaired people off of the road and people wearing seatbelts.

**Vice Chairman Carlisle:** Where are you with the drug interdiction?

**Colonel Klipfel:** That is with the next goal.

The fourth goal is to reduce criminal activity occurring on our highways through the use of a strong criminal interdiction program. The drug arrests by the North Dakota Highway Patrol have increased by 27% since 2004. Currently, the North Dakota Highway Patrol has eight canine units strategically placed throughout the state.

**Representative Thoreson:** Where are these canine units located?

**Colonel Klipfel:** Dickinson, Bismarck, Jamestown, Valley City, Fargo, Cando, Grand Forks, Minot and they are currently looking into one in Williston.

**Representative Thoreson:** Are they eight separate animals or are there more than one animal per unit?

**Colonel Klipfel:** They are eight separate animals. One animal per unit.

Colonel Klipfel also discussed the Post Seizure Analysis Team (PSAT). The PSAT is comprised of state and federal law enforcement agencies as well as ND National Guard Counter Drug Program personnel. The mission of the PSAT is to gather, analyze, and disseminate criminal drug information from existing investigations and seizures. Another main role the North Dakota Highway Patrol has is in Homeland Security. In January 2005, one officer from the North Dakota Highway Patrol was assigned full time to the ND Homeland Security Fusion Center. The Center's mission is to collect, analyze, and disseminate critical intelligence information to local, state and federal law enforcement personnel statewide. This officer also is responsible for investigating domestic and international terrorism and the investigation of workplace and employer immigration violations. In 2006, the North Dakota Highway Patrol partnered with the US Customs and Border Protection to help secure the northern border at the 17 ports of entry between the US and Canada.

**Representative Thoreson:** Do you see an increase in illegal individuals coming in to the state?

**Colonel Klipfel:** There is a big increase. 80% of their other law enforcement activities come from this issue. But we are a lot more cognoscente of different things that can happen. We want to make sure that illegals are apprehended.

The fifth operational goal is to protect highway infrastructure and provide for the safe movement of goods and services through an effective motor carrier program. The Motor Carrier Safety Assistance Program (MCSAP) has the primary function of reducing commercial vehicle crashes. They also conduct safety audits and compliance reviews at the commercial companies themselves.

**Representative Skarphol:** Is the MCSAP program federally funded?

**Colonel Klipfel:** The Border Inspection Program in 100% federally funded, the MCSAP program is 80-20%, with the federal government providing 80%.

**Representative Kempenich:** How close do you tally that as far as time between federal and state?

**Colonel Klipfel:** Even though it is only 80% federally funded it is supposed to be 100% federal aided tech inspections.

**Representative Skarphol:** Are you predicting an increase in the weigh-in-motion sites?

**Colonel Klipfel:** The North Dakota Highway Patrol is working with the ND DOT on that issue. Currently with the 12 sites we are still trying to work out the bugs on the system.

**Representative Skarphol:** Are these bugs specific to ND or are they problems nationwide?

**Colonel Klipfel:** Nationwide. Not only is there problems with the weigh-in-motion site, there are also glitches in the software and the monitoring program. The North Dakota Highway Patrol is starting to get information from DOT about trucks crossing the weigh-in-motion so the North Dakota Highway Patrol can schedule troopers to be in the area if there is a problem.

**Representative Skarphol:** So the North Dakota Highway Patrol is not the only ones monitoring the weigh in motion sites?

**Colonel Klipfel:** DOT monitors. The information comes into the central site at DOT. They monitor all of the weights and the trucks that come across then they send the North Dakota Highway Patrol the data regarding the days and times that the most and heaviest trucks come into the area.

**Representative Skarphol:** Are they satisfied with the accuracy of the information they are receiving?

**Colonel Klipfel:** It is a screening device. If something comes across the screen, the troopers still have to weigh the trucks.

**Representative Skarphol:** Is there any new technology out there that looks to be more attractive than what is currently being used that is being considered?

**Colonel Klipfel:** I don't know of any at this time.

In 2003, with cooperation of the ND Dept of Transportation, the North Dakota Highway Patrol decided to move away from the fixed weight stations and go towards a more mobile effort of enforcement. Currently there are 12 weigh-in-motion sites around the state and 36 of the North Dakota Highway Patrol troopers' mobile data computers are programmed to monitor the sites.

**Representative Kempenich:** On these scales, can you enforce off of these or do you have to go to a fixed scale?

**Colonel Klipfel:** You can enforce off of these scales. They are certified every year and they are accurate. The North Dakota Highway Patrol still needs a reason to pull a truck in to weigh them.

In December of 2002, The North Dakota Highway Patrol launched electronic permitting. This allows motor carriers to purchase 21 different permits over the internet.

The sixth operational goal is to provide a quality service to the public. One of the ways the North Dakota Highway Patrol is achieving this goal is by activating the AMBER Alert on May 22, 2006 following the disappearance of Raechelle Smith. The North Dakota Highway Patrol is also responsible for the operation, maintenance, and administration of the Law Enforcement Training Academy. The academy provides the coordination of basic and advanced training courses for all law enforcement in ND.

The last operational goal is to hold individuals, not groups or districts, accountable for their actions, good or bad. The North Dakota Highway Patrol is very proud of the professionalism of their troopers and other employees. In 2006, out of 100,000 to 150,000 contacts with the public, the North Dakota Highway Patrol had only 21 complaints against employees. Only four

of these 21 were determined to be valid complaints. The in-car video system is one of the most important items the troopers carry with them. It not only protects the officer but also protects the violators. The North Dakota Highway Patrol is requesting funds to upgrade from the VCR type recorders to a new digital system. The North Dakota Highway Patrol has just completed their sixth reaccreditation as a law enforcement agency.

**Representative Skarphol:** Before you go on, how do you feel the electronic permitting is working?

**Colonel Klipfel:** It seems to be working well. We still have four people working in the permit division. The electronic permitting will not work for oversize permits. I have not heard any complaints from the motor carriers.

**Vice Chairman Carlisle:** Has your department changed its views on one versus two plates?

**Colonel Klipfel:** Our views have stayed the same. We prefer to have the two plates. The reasons for this are, safety and effectiveness, if you are parked on a rural road somewhere it is easier to see a license plate if it is coming towards you than if it is passing you.

### Strategic Plan

Colonel Klipfel discussed the strategic goals of the North Dakota Highway Patrol. These goals are shown on page 5 of testimony 1/8/07A.

**Representative Thoreson:** Does the lowering of the percent of alcohol related fatal crashes have anything to do with the lowering of the blood alcohol levels? Have you seen a significant decrease in incidents since that has been lowered?

**Colonel Klipfel:** There are still quite a few of the alcohol related stops that were above the .10 alcohol level. I think the decrease has been because educating the public and enforcement.

**Representative Thoreson:** Does your department participate in the check points?



**Colonel Klipfel:** We are very active in the check points. In fact, they are one of the best education and enforcement tool the department has. More arrests can be made by saturating an area than by the check points but the media hype about the check points gets the word out and makes people aware of them.

**Representative Thoreson:** You do feel that the publicity is most important but you feel you can make more arrests by spreading out than at one set location.

**Colonel Klipfel:** That is correct.

**Chairman Carlson:** The Click-It Or Ticket campaign, it is really not a true ad because in ND you have to have committed another offense before you can ticket for the seatbelt. Do we buy advertising for this campaign?

**Colonel Klipfel:** Those are national ads. Most of it is paid for by federal funding through DOT.

**Representative Kempenich:** Where do we rate nationally as far as seatbelt wearers?

**Colonel Klipfel:** I don't have those exact numbers. The states with mandated seatbelt laws are running about 85-90%. As far as secondary enforcement, it is believed that we are 34<sup>th</sup>.

**Vice Chairman Carlisle:** Colonel, you brought up the seatbelt law. Is there a bill in place that will make the seatbelt law mandated?

**Colonel Klipfel:** There have been a lot of meetings across the state and all they have talked about is the primary seatbelt law.

**Representative Thoreson:** How many people in your department have been involved in activity in the armed forces? Have you lost people due to active service?

**Colonel Klipfel:** Actually we just have one person that has been called up for active duty.

**Chairman Carlson:** Do you have a breakdown of the Homeland Security dollars received?

We don't necessarily need it today but it will be needed when we break into subcommittee.

**Budget Request**

See slide 20 in Testimony 1/8/07B

**Chairman Carlson:** What will your turn back be?

**Colonel Klipfel:** About \$100,000

**Vice Chairman Carlisle:** What are the two new troopers going to do in the Capital Security that the troopers are not doing now?

**Colonel Klipfel:** Right now the troopers will be sworn officers. The current officers are civilian officers.

**Representative Williams:** The federal funds? Is that Homeland Security?

**Colonel Klipfel:** It is just federal spending authority.

**Chairman Carlson:** Have you lost any specific federal grants?

**Colonel Klipfel:** A little bit of Homeland Security.

**Chairman Carlson:** Are any of your FTE's federally funded?

**Colonel Klipfel:** The only ones that are federally funded are the MCSAP employees.

**Chairman Carlson:** Where does the Homeland Security money go?

**Colonel Klipfel:** Most of the Homeland Security money goes for equipment like radios and computers and for personnel for overtime.

**Chairman Carlson:** Do you have a pool of money for that?

**Colonel Klipfel:** We get allocated an amount we can use for overtime.

**Chairman Carlson:** Where does this money sit?

**Colonel Klipfel:** It is held by the Department of Emergency Services.

**Representative Kempenich:** Out of the \$3.7 mil that has changed does that include one time funds?

**Colonel Klipfel:** Yes that does.

**Representative Skarphol:** The 64 cents per mile does that include everything?

**Colonel Klipfel:** That includes damages to vehicles, depreciation, fuel, repairs, installation of equipment.

**Representative Skarphol:** In your budget detail, is that included in the travel?

**Colonel Klipfel:** Yes.

### One Time Spending Needs

The main one time spending is for the upgrade from the VCR type cameras to digital cameras.

**Chairman Carlson:** Are your cars equipped with cameras?

**Colonel Klipfel:** All troopers and sergeants cars are equipped with VCR model cameras. We would like to go to digital models

**Representative Thoreson:** The new system would that have just forward views or would it have other locations like multi cameras or just a single camera?

**Colonel Klipfel:** We would have the option for multi cameras mostly forward views but if someone had a prisoner in the back inside the car so there is options we have with that system.

**Representative Skarphol:** In the Budget detail is that included in the other equipment under \$5,000 line item?

**Colonel Klipfel:** That is correct.

The other one time spending is for integration of Capitol Building security and mechanical automation systems. It would tie the fire and security alarms in to one thing.

Colonel Klipfel then showed a video from a traffic stop.

**Representative Thoreson:** If you get the new digital system do you know how much that would store?

**Colonel Klipfel:** We will probably need to purchase a server for each of our districts to download the information. In an eight hour day, we probably only have two hours of recording. After 30 days we can purge some of the data that will not be needed for court or to review complaints.

**Captain Kleppe:** Regarding the capacity of the digital in-car recording systems, some of the ones we are looking at have 80 GB of capacity and could run two hours per shift for one to two weeks.

**Representative Thoreson:** The servers that would be needed, are they included in the cost of replacement for the video systems?

**Colonel Klipfel:** Yes it is.

Chairman Carlson then read the Executive Recommendation page 186 of the Executive Budget 2007-2009 Biennium.

**Chairman Carlson:** What is the \$50,000 for Capital Integration for?

**Colonel Klipfel:** For time to integrate the fire and security systems.

**Chairman Carlson:** Are the troopers going to the Northern Border Security?

**Colonel Klipfel:** Initially they were for Fargo and the Northern Boarder Security. They will be in Fargo only.

**Chairman Carlson:** Why do you want to hire two FTEs to allow the agency to increase recruits for the training academy in order to allow for normal turnover during the six month training period?

**Colonel Klipfel:** It takes so much time to go through the recruitment, training and testing process to get a person hired. It is nice to have an extra body incase of retirements.

**Chairman Carlson:** How do you cover the cost of that if there is no related funding?

**Colonel Klipfel:** We have to find it in the budget.

**Vice Chairman Carlisle:** What is the anticipated rate of retirement?

**Colonel Klipfel:** We had seven retirements last year. This year we expect three or four. What really affects us is that we spend a lot of money hiring and training someone and down the road they decide they don't like the job or go find another job where they will make more money. Those are unexpected vacancies.

**Vice Chairman Carlisle:** Do you have a benefit package for the three FTEs that will be added to Capital Security?

**Colonel Klipfel:** Yes it is included in the budget.

**Representative Skarphol:** In regards to drug arrests, is the 27% increase a typical increase?

**Colonel Klipfel:** I think we have just gotten better at it through better trained troopers.

**Representative Kempenich:** Could you put together a sheet showing anticipated turnover?

**Colonel Klipfel:** I can have that ready for the subcommittee.

Chairman Carlson closed the hearing.

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Minutes:

Chairman Carlson opened discussion on Senate Bill 1011.

Representative Kempenich explained the green sheets.

1. Adds 2 FTE trooper positions without funding to allow additional recruits to be trained.

**Representative Kempenich:** We are leaving in number one.

2. Adds 4 FTE positions - \$436,936 and related operating expenses - \$280,000 for northern border security and for additional coverage hours in the Fargo area

**Representative Kempenich:** There are two FTEs coming out but, I was talking to the Col. He would like to leave two in and remove number five and not name the positions.

**Representative Skarphol:** So what you are saying is that we are going to do two out of six FTEs?

**Representative Kempenich:** Yes.

**Representative Williams:** So we are going to omit number five.

**Representative Kempenich:** Yes

**Chairman Carlson:** Go back to the adds two FTE Trooper positions without funding. Doesn't that mean we are going to get stuck with two new troopers then have to go to the emergency commission to fund them.

**Representative Kempenich:** No what it is to be trained they have people in training. What he is looking it is that they would have them on staff because of vacancies if someone quits in the interim he wanted a way to keep two troopers in the academy to cover vacancies.

**Col. Klipfel:** The reason we did that is like for training our troopers it takes like the training academy is 24 weeks long and we don't have that training offered all of the time. If we anticipate that we are going to have a retirement during that 24 weeks or after that we could use some existing savings in our budget and pay for those two additional recruits to go through the training academy so that when the academy is over within that time frame they could take the position of the employee who retires or resigns.

**Representative Skarphol:** Do all of the troopers you put through the academy stay with the North Dakota Highway Patrol?

**Col. Klipfel:** No out of the 14 that graduated last February, 11 are left.

**Representative Skarphol:** Is that typical?

**Col. Klipfel:** Yes.

**Chairman Carlson:** So this money is there but it is not permanent FTE money?

**Col. Klipfel:** No.

**Chairman Carlson:** What is the number? What did you have in your last budget?

**Col. Klipfel:** When a recruit goes through our training academy we pay them roughly \$2600 per month plus benefits so that is really the costs that we would have.

**Chairman Carlson:** And you don't have enough in there so you have to add two spots to do that in case somebody quits?

**Col. Klipfel:** Like I said sometimes we lose some of the ones that go through then like for example for this class that we are running through right now, I have already got letters from two officers that are going to resign this summer. So we could just hire two additional and run them through the academy so when these two resign we will have those vacant positions. It takes time to go through our selection process and train a trooper. We are kind trying to pre-plan.

**Chairman Carlson:** Do we have a number assigned anywhere what that cost would be?

**Col. Klipfel:** I will get that.

**Representative Skarphol:** Is there any federal funding available for number two?

**Col. Klipfel:** No these are all state funds.

**Representative Skarphol:** The \$193,000 reflected in other funds that must be federal dollars there? Does that have anything to do with the northern border security?

**Col. Klipfel:** No. The positions are not federally funded like the MCSAP positions are. They are funded 71% General Fund and 29% from the highway fund.

**Representative Skarphol:** So if we would decrease that in half then half of those funds would be utilized too.

**Chairman Carlson:** So Representative Kempenich, your recommendation would be two out of the four?

**Representative Kempenich:** Yes. Two of the four and the Col. indicated that he would like to have the two positions in.

**Chairman Carlson:** And he could put them where ever he wants?

**Col. Klipfel:** The way I understood that is that out of the four for northern border or Fargo, we would get two and then we would still get our two capital security positions for a total of four.

**Representative Kempenich:** Basically what we did was just two.



**Chairman Carlson:** So your intentions Representative Kempenich, is to have two positions and they can be anywhere they want them to be.

**Representative Kempenich:** Yes. That is what I am proposing.

3. Adds 3 FTE Capitol security positions rather than contracting for these services.

**Representative Kempenich:** We are leaving this one alone.

**Chairman Carlson:** They are temps now but will be going to full time FTEs?

**Representative Kempenich:** Yes.

4. Replaces \$116,000 of federal funds with funding from the highway tax distribution fund for Capitol security services

**Representative Kempenich:** We will leave that for now. Is that homeland security money?

**Col. Klipfel:** I visited with OMB on that too. Our General Fund dollars are 71% and our special funds are 29% to get those percentages the money came out of the highway distribution fund.

**Representative Skarphol:** You won't need all of that will you if you are not getting all four positions?

**Joe Morrissette:** There are several things going on. One of the changes that there was \$116,000 of federal funds that was homeland security money used for the security system and that money is going away. There were other changes dealing with taking these contract positions and making them permanent.

**Representative Skarphol:** So that number needs to stay the same even though we make the changes talked about further up?

**Joe Morrissette:** It is just a removal of federal funds that are not going to be available.

5. Adds 2 additional FTE Capitol security positions - \$218,468 and related operating expenses - \$140,000

**Representative Kempenich:** This one we are going to omit.

6. Provides funding for integrating security and building automation software (**executive budget identified as one-time funding**)

**Representative Kempenich:** Six and nine are tied together as one time funding issues which we already have language for.

**Chairman Carlson:** The in-car video equipment seems to me to be a pretty good safety factor.

**Col. Klipfel:** That is correct. In my opinion that is one of the most valuable pieces of equipment we have in our patrol cars. This will be a digital system. Let's say you meet a car and then you turn your lights on it will have started recorded 30 seconds prior to that so it is all there.

7. Increases funding for data processing to provide a total of \$610,000.

8. Increases funding for motor pool costs

**Chairman Carlson:** We spent a little time with the motor pool yesterday trying to figure out what the real number is.

**Representative Skarphol:** On your budget for this year I assume you have a similar category. With the changes that have taken place, is that number going to be sufficient? Are you going to be able to cover the increased gasoline cost and the increased motor pool costs for this biennium?

**Col. Klipfel:** It is hard to say. The reason I am not sure of that is because this biennium now we have been short troopers because of the fact that we have had a lot of resignations and so forth. We currently have 16 troopers going through the academy so that is 16 less cars driving down the highway. That has made a difference. Our total mileage per month per trooper has come down a little bit too so we have not been logging the miles so this biennium we will pay and have to go to the emergency commission. If we can stay full staffed it could get pretty tight.

**Representative Thoreson:** How many different types of vehicles are you running right now?

**Col. Klipfel:** We have basically four different models, three different models of patrol cars, the Ford Crown Victoria, the Chevy Impala and a couple of Dodge Chargers. For the 4X4s where we carry the portable scales and that we have the Ford Expedition.

**Representative Thoreson:** Are you planning on introducing any new models for the patrol cars?

**Col. Klipfel:** This year we are going to get six new Chargers and a couple of more Impalas.

9. Provides funding for replacing in-car video equipment (**executive budget identified as one-time funding**)

**Chairman Carlson:** How many troopers are you short?

**Col. Klipfel:** Right now we have 16 recruits in the academy and I just had a trooper resign about a week ago. Now we are going to hire one more and that recruit will start, they have had the basic training that is the first 11 weeks of the academy. This officer has worked for a local police department. Now we are going to start the patrol training which is another 12 weeks after that. We will have 17 recruits in there.

**Chairman Carlson:** You were short how many guys on the road?

**Col. Klipfel:** Right now we are short 17.

**Chairman Carlson:** If we go to our caucus and say there is 17 people short patrolling the highways but we need four more but we didn't have 17 filled? How are you covering those extra miles? Is it overtime?

**Col. Klipfel:** Our guys put a lot of overtime in but you can only put so much overtime in. We have 70,000 square miles in this state to cover. If you take days off for vacations and things like that a lot of times we don't have very many troopers out there. Being the smallest state

patrol by far in the nation it is hard to cover the ground we have to cover. We originally put in for eleven troopers we are down to six and now we are down to two. It is hard to try to work.

**Chairman Carlson:** How much do they get from the equity funds?

**Allen Kundson:** \$203,000 total with \$130,000 from the General Fund.

**Representative Skarphol:** What is the total from one trooper?

**Chairman Carlson:** Roughly \$180,000.

**Representative Glassheim:** Why are we doing special equity for each budget? Why don't we just let them make the decisions there?

**Vice Chairman Carlisle:** OMB has identified these agencies. We can move it around.

**Representative Glassheim:** We are earmarking extra money that is not included in the equity pool.

**Representative Skarphol:** I feel it is our role as a subcommittee to make a determination of whether or not we think this entity deserves more. We can add to what OMB has done if we want. I am wondering if the Col. would prefer to choose between two officers or equity. If we were to give you two FTEs and money for equity, would you use the money for two more FTEs or better pay for the current troopers?

**Col. Klipfel:** At this time I would use it for equity pay.

Drafting of Amendments

Verbal Amendment regarding equity pay

**A motion was made by Representative Kempenich, seconded by Representative**

**Thoreson to adopt the verbal amendment regarding adding \$200,000 for equity pay.**

**Motion carried by voice vote.**

Verbal amendment regarding two troopers and not designating where they go

**A motion was made by Representative Kempenich, seconded by Representative Skarphol to adopt the verbal amendment regarding the addition of two new troopers.**

**Motion carried by voice vote.**

Verbal amendment regarding the boiler plate one time funding amendment

**A motion was made by Representative Skarphol, seconded by Representative Thoreson to adopt the verbal amendment regarding one time funding. Motion carried by voice vote.**

Verbal amendment regarding the transfer of \$4.4million to the General Fund

**A motion was made by Representative Skarphol, seconded by Vice Chairman Carlisle to adopt the verbal amendment regarding the transfer of \$4.4million to the General Fund.**

**Motion carried by voice vote.**

Amendment 78011.0102 regarding the addition of the Automatic External Defibrillators

**A motion was made by Representative Skarphol, seconded by Representative Williams to adopt amendment 78011.0102. Motion carried by voice vote.**

**A motion was made by Representative Kempenich, seconded by Representative Thoreson for a DO PASS AS AMENDED recommendation to the full committee. The committee vote was 8 Yeas, 0 Nays and 0 Absent and Not Voting. The bill will be carried by Representative Kempenich.**

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Minutes:

**Chm. Svedjan** opened the hearing on HB 1011.

**Rep. Kempenich** distributed amendment .0103 (Attachment A). He reviewed the amendment and the Department 504 – Highway Patrol budget green sheet.

**Chm. Svedjan:** The \$150,000 in amendment .0103 is new one-time funding?

**Rep. Kempenich:** Yes. The money was already in the budget, but we moved it (see Section 6 of amendment .0103).

**Chm. Svedjan:** The funding switch itself was \$4.25 million.

**Rep. Kempenich:** Yes.

**Chm. Svedjan:** When you take all the changes together you get to the \$3.927 million.

**Rep. Kempenich:** Yes.

**Chm. Svedjan:** That moves the funding into the general fund out of the highway distribution fund.

**Rep. Kempenich:** We also put in a salary equity fund of \$200,000.

**Rep. Carlson:** It costs \$50,000 to train new troopers. If turnover is high after all that training, it costs us. The intent was \$200,000 would go on top of what was in the equity fund. We lost our faith in that because the Colonel indicated that he would take that into account and take it away if they got other equity money put in. That was after we did this amendment.

