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2007 HOUSE NATURAL RESOURCES

HB 1515

2007 HOUSE STANDING COMMITTEE MINUTES

Bill/Resolution No. HB 1515

House Natural Resources Committee

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Hearing Date: January 25, 2007

Recorder Job Number: 1980

Committee Clerk Signature

Shirley Omsted

Minutes:

Chairman Porter opened up the hearing on HB 1515.

Representative David Monson, District 10, came forward as a sponsor for HB 1515. See written testimony marked as Item #1.

Chairman Porter said the Commissioner from game and fish was before them and said there is two million dollars in new money in his budget for the PLOTS program and this kind of demonstration project would fit right into their existing working lands program within the PLOTS program.

Representative Monson said that was excellent news.

Representative Damschen said in the second paragraph of his testimony he said it refers to allowing farmers to apply to game and fish for help in establishing perennial grass stands, probably switch grass, although you are not limited to that species. Would that leave it open to hemp?

Representative Monson down the road it could be a very good source of biomass although this particular bill is dealing with perennial grasses and industrial hemp is an annual crop, but it does grow 10-12 feet tall and does produce a tremendous amount of biomass.

Commissioner Roger Johnson came forward in support of HB 1515. See written testimony marked as Item #2. See written testimony marked as Item #2.

Representative Hofstad asked if there were any conversations on a national level about combining CRP with this project.

Commission Johnson said there is a lot of conversation about it. As of about 2 years ago there was almost no conversation about it, at least in agriculture circles. This is an issue that I have pushed for a number of years and as of last year almost to the day when the President mentioned ethanol or switch grass in his speech, almost everyone has discovered this. There is a lot of interest in this. One of the policy recommendations that I introduced to the National Agriculture Commissioners in our organization was a proposal to create a CRP like program on the federal level to do this very thing. You would allow folks to get started by CRP program and get paid for it and as the economics became viable as you were actually able to harvest and sell that biomass if you will and get paid for it and then your payments would get reduced on the CRP. People are concerned about how we are going to get to 35 billion gallons of ethanol. Senator Conrad's bill has 60 billion gallons by 2030. This is enormous. Not to say that we are not going to raise a bunch of more corn because we are.

Representative Solberg said more and more you see the perennial energy crops mentioned. What research has been done to see how perennial crops would grow in the semi-arid climate in the western parts of the state?

Commissioner Johnson said there has been a fair amount of research done. In almost all of the NDSU research centers they have some plots dealing with switch grass. The Mandan Center has done research on this too. A lot of work has been done but there is a lot more to be done. We cannot produce all of the ethanol with corn. A lot of the land in your area is not suitable for growing corn, but it is suitable for growing biomass.

Representative Charging asked him to tell her a little bit about the time of the harvest of switch grass.

Commissioner Johnson said usually late in the fall. Unlike the concerns you have with CRP for grass when you want to get in there when it is green and full of nutrition, but with cellulosic materials for biomass harvesting, you want to take this off when it is dried down. It would be much later in the season.

Representative Charging asked what would be considered a residual feed stock.

Commissioner Johnson said that would be any plant material that is left over after the harvesting.

Brad Crabtree representing the Great Plains Institute came forward in support of HB 1515.

Please see written testimony marked as Item #3.

Representative Hofstad asked if they had addressed the technology or equipment that we will need to harvest this crop. Who is going to develop that?

Mr. Crabtree said there is experience with this but it is not extensive. The thing that is a bit of a challenge is not so much the equipment but the fact that farmers are not used to cooperating together in this way to deliver a feedstock to a plant. Sometimes harvest will occur when other harvest seasons are in progress.

Representative Charging asked who the LLC is and has it been defined.

Mr. Crabtree said this is just an example of an ownership structure. They thought it was best to target the agriculture community. The ethanol plant can take a group of their technical people and work with the farmers to form a coop or an LLC and provide the technical assistance they need to do an application. At this point it is not wired for any particular group of farmers or company. It is intended to be competitive and open.

Mr. Donald M. Senechal came forward in support of HB 1515. See written testimony marked as Item #4.

Mr. Mike McEnroe from the Wildlife Society came forward in support of HB 1515. See written testimony marked as Item #5.

Randy Krile of the ND Game and Fish came to the podium. He said there were taking a neutral stand on the bill. There are a number of things that came up this afternoon so he would like to help clarify. Things like switch grass will be part of the landscape and will improve the wildlife habitat. They are interested in it as far as the PLOTS program is concerned. There are a lot of considerations that need to be taken into account. They would like to know where it would be located. If were to be located in Nelson County, that may not be the place where people want to hunt. They certainly do not need any more whitetail deer in Nelson County. If you put that in pheasant range and you left half of the field standing every other year, then your benefits as far as wildlife production and hunter opportunities may go up. If this goes forward, enrolling these tracts in our working lands programs which pays between one and four dollars per acre per year depending upon the habitat that is there. The establishment costs of these tracks are another thing. They are eighty five dollars per acre and that would be something the PLOTS program would be a good vehicle to support the establishment of the switch grass plots at eighty five dollars per acre. To try to replace the annual economic loss that the producers would sustain for the two year period of establishment, that is listed about fifty dollars per acre. Once again, the wildlife value and hunting opportunity value for those dollars would not be anywhere like we could get somewhere else. Our director did say we have an additional two million in the department for the PLOTS program. That is primarily to take the opportunity to try to work with private landowners who recently went through their CRP or extension or reenrollments. They

currently have a backlog of 135 farmers who are waiting to hear from game and fish about their opportunity to participate in the PLOTS program. As we go through this process, we are deciding how we could best fit to the PLOTS program with this program. We need to balance that with some of the other priorities that we currently have.

Chairman Porter asked for opposition to this bill. Seeing none, the hearing was closed.

2007 HOUSE STANDING COMMITTEE MINUTES

Bill/Resolution No. HB 1515

House Natural Resources Committee

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Hearing Date: January 25, 2007

Recorder Job Number: 1990

Committee Clerk Signature

Shirley Demsted

Minutes:

Chairman Porter opened the discussion on HB 1515.

Representative Charging said it appears that there was a mixed message from the wildlife people regarding the dovetailing the PLOTS directly to this bill.

Chairman Porter said having worked on this particular piece of legislation and looking at line 9 it is very permissive language as to whether the department will in fact use their PLOTS money to go in partnership with this type of program. Currently within the PLOTS program there are a number of programs, one of which is the working lands programs where existing farmers are already harvesting crops and getting payments from one to four dollars per acre and it fits right into it. It is permissive and allows the biologist to go out and look at what they are getting into and make sure that it fits into their programs and the goals of their program at the same time as the goals of the biomass program. I see it as a perfect fit.

Representative Charging referred to the incentives and was wondering who the producers would be.

Chairman Porter said it was a competitive application process. It could be a group of cooperating agriculture producers or other ownership structures, so it could be anything. I could be a sole proprietor.

Representative Keiser said he thought we have a responsibility to look at the fiscal note on this bill. As you read the paragraph under Part B. It says this is a nice bill but can't be done. If we are going to do it, it is going to require an appropriation. I think it is a good concept.

Chairman Porter said as Representative Monson was going through the bill, the appropriation was purposely taken out of this bill to take the policy forward and then work through twenty million dollars that already existing in the Centers for Excellence money. The research part of this is going to be done at a facility like NDSU or UND and it fits right in with the Centers of Excellence. That is why the appropriation was taken out.

Representative Hanson said that was what he was going to say. It was going to be in another bill.

Representative Meyer made a motion for a do pass.

Representative DeKrey seconded the motion.

Chairman Porter asked for discussion.

Representative Keiser said again that he liked the bill, but he did not like the money coming out of the Centers for Excellence.

Chairman Porter said there was mention of several other places, but Centers of Excellence is one for the research component that is already in place.

Representative DeKrey said that he thought he was seconding a motion for referral to appropriations.

Representative Keiser said there is no money in it. That is the point.

Chairman Porter said as Representative Monson stated in his testimony they are working on a number of budgets that this would be plugged into. They are working on the Industrial

Commission Budget, the Commerce Department Budget, and the Higher Education Budget, which includes NDSU along with research. It is in their eyes.

There was no further discussion.

Chairman Porter asked the clerk to call the roll on a **do pass** on HB1515. Let the record show 13 yes, 0 no, with 1 absent. The motion prevails. **Representative Keiser** will carry the bill to the floor.

2007 HOUSE STANDING COMMITTEE MINUTES

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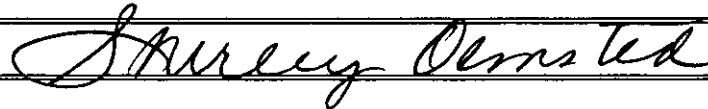
House Natural Resources Committee

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Hearing Date: January 26, 2007

Recorder Job Number: 2014

Committee Clerk Signature



Minutes:

Chairman Porter opened the discussion of HB 1515.

Chairman Keiser said he does not feel comfortable sending a bill out of committee without identifying the funding source.

Representative Monson said that they were absolutely correct and we needed to discuss this. I think we probably still need more discussion on this and I would hope that as long as you haven't sent this to the floor, I would like to have more discussion on exactly where to put it. One of thoughts that he was having as he was sitting in the audience, we have money at this time that they have not been able to use for other things in previous years and a lot of that we can consider one time spending. Maybe one of the cleanest things to do is just bite the bullet and consider this one time spending and take it out of the general fund. That is another option that we have discussed and I guess I am really not ready today to tell you that yes this is the exact place we are going to put it. I believe that Chairman Porter, Representative Berg, Representative Keiser and myself, along with some others have taken it upon ourselves this session to develop a long term energy goal and of course it is not a final road map or final energy policy because all of these things change constantly and they will be changed in future

biennium's in its dynamics. I believe that some of these energy issues could fall under the one time funding and that might be the best way to do that.

Chairman Porter said that in his testimony he mentioned numerous places that this could be funded. Would you be opposed for us reconsidering our action and adding a section 3 that just puts the 2.5 million dollar general fund appropriation into the bill and kick it over to appropriations so that it gets into your hands and you can further explore where it fits in the general scheme of things?

Representative Monson said that might be a very good idea because, as you know time is short. We can't be sitting with bills that have potential appropriations in the policy committee if we are going to get them acted on and out. As long as there is no appropriation in here of course, it would never go to appropriations which make it a bit of a problem. It means the policy program is going through one channel and the appropriation is going through another channel which happens a lot more than you would probably want to know. It might be a very good plan to bring it back, discuss how you think it should be funded and put the amendment on with the appropriation in it and send it to appropriations. We will have a little bit more time for those of us that are working on many of these energy projects and to get a little better plan on how to fund it.,

Representative Keiser made a motion for the committee to reconsider HB 1515.

Representative Hanson seconded the motion.

Chairman Porter asked for discussion. Seeing none, a voice vote was taken to reconsider the actions taken for a do pass on HB 1515 and return it to the committee. The motion prevailed.

Representative Keiser made a motion that Section 3 be created adding an appropriation of 2.5 million dollars from the general fund to fund this program.

Representative Hofstad seconded the motion.

Chairman Porter asked for discussion. Seeing none, a voice vote was taken. The motion prevailed.

Representative Keiser made a motion for a **do pass as amended** on HB 1515 with a **referral to appropriations**.

Representative Nottestad seconded the motion.

Chairman Porter asked for discussion. Seeing none, the clerk called the roll. Let the record show 11 yes, 0 no, with 3 absent. The motion prevailed. **Representative Keiser** will carry the bill.

FISCAL NOTE
Requested by Legislative Council
04/24/2007

Amendment to: Engrossed
 HB 1515

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.*

| | 2005-2007 Biennium | | 2007-2009 Biennium | | 2009-2011 Biennium | |
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| | General Fund | Other Funds | General Fund | Other Funds | General Fund | Other Funds |
| Revenues | | | | | | |
| Expenditures | | | | \$2,000,000 | | |
| Appropriations | | | | \$2,000,000 | | |

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

| 2005-2007 Biennium | | | 2007-2009 Biennium | | | 2009-2011 Biennium | | |
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2A. Bill and fiscal impact summary: *Provide a brief summary of the measure, including description of the provisions having fiscal impact (limited to 300 characters).*

Permits the establishment of a private land open to sportsmen biomass demonstration project and permits the Industrial Commission to establish a biomass incentive and research program.

B. Fiscal impact sections: *Identify and provide a brief description of the sections of the measure which have fiscal impact. Include any assumptions and comments relevant to the analysis.*

Engrossed HB 1515 Section 5 with conference committee amendments permits the Industrial Commission to transfer up to \$1,000,000 from the Beginning Farmer Revolving Loan Fund and up to \$1,000,000 from the Biofuels PACE Fund to the Biomass Incentive and Research Fund. Section 6 permits the Industrial Commission to provide up to \$30,000 from the Biomass Incentive Research Fund to support organic agriculture initiatives and programs.

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.*

The Industrial Commission is directed to develop the programs outlined in the legislation and allows funds to be transferred from the Beginning Farmer Revolving Loan Fund and the Biofuels PACE Fund.

C. Appropriations: *Explain the appropriation amounts. Provide detail, when appropriate, for each agency and fund affected. Explain the relationship between the amounts shown for expenditures and appropriations. Indicate whether the appropriation is also included in the executive budget or relates to a continuing appropriation.*

Engrossed HB 1515 with conference committee amendments permits the transfer of special funds to the Biomass Incentive and Research special fund in the amount of up to \$2,000,000.

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| Name: | Karlene K. Fine | Agency: | Industrial Commission |
| Phone Number: | 328-3722 | Date Prepared: | 04/24/2007 |

FISCAL NOTE

Requested by Legislative Council

03/27/2007

Amendment to: Engrossed
 HB 1515

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.*

| | 2005-2007 Biennium | | 2007-2009 Biennium | | 2009-2011 Biennium | |
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| Expenditures | | | | | | |
| Appropriations | | | | | | |

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

| 2005-2007 Biennium | | | 2007-2009 Biennium | | | 2009-2011 Biennium | | |
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2A. Bill and fiscal impact summary: *Provide a brief summary of the measure, including description of the provisions having fiscal impact (limited to 300 characters).*

Permits the establishment of a private land open to sportsmen biomass demonstration project and permits the Industrial Commission to establish a biomass incentive and research program.

B. Fiscal impact sections: *Identify and provide a brief description of the sections of the measure which have fiscal impact. Include any assumptions and comments relevant to the analysis.*

Engrossed HB 1515 with Senate amendments removes all funding for this program.

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.*

The Industrial Commission is directed to develop the programs outlined in the legislation. As amended no funding or spending authority remains in the bill.

C. Appropriations: *Explain the appropriation amounts. Provide detail, when appropriate, for each agency and fund affected. Explain the relationship between the amounts shown for expenditures and appropriations. Indicate whether the appropriation is also included in the executive budget or relates to a continuing appropriation.*

Engrossed HB 1515 with Senate amendments provides no funding for this program.

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| Name: | Karlene K. Fine | Agency: | Industrial Commission |
| Phone Number: | 328-3722 | Date Prepared: | 03/27/2007 |

FISCAL NOTE

Requested by Legislative Council

01/31/2007

Amendment to: HB 1515

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.*

| | 2005-2007 Biennium | | 2007-2009 Biennium | | 2009-2011 Biennium | |
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| | General Fund | Other Funds | General Fund | Other Funds | General Fund | Other Funds |
| Revenues | | | | | | |
| Expenditures | | | \$2,500,000 | | | |
| Appropriations | | | \$2,500,000 | | | |

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

| 2005-2007 Biennium | | | 2007-2009 Biennium | | | 2009-2011 Biennium | | |
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2A. **Bill and fiscal impact summary:** *Provide a brief summary of the measure, including description of the provisions having fiscal impact (limited to 300 characters).*

Permits the establishment of a private land open to sportsmen biomass demonstration project and permits the Industrial Commission to establish a biomass incentive and research program.

B. **Fiscal impact sections:** *Identify and provide a brief description of the sections of the measure which have fiscal impact. Include any assumptions and comments relevant to the analysis.*

Engrossed HB 1515 authorizes the transfer of \$2,500,000 from the General Fund to the Industrial Commission for the establishment of a private land open to sportsmen biomass demonstration project and the establishment of a biomass incentive and research program.

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.*

The Industrial Commission is directed to develop the programs outlined in the legislation. HB 1515 provides a general fund appropriation of \$2,500,000. Limited information is available as to how these programs would be structured. At this point unable to determine if additional staffing would be needed.

C. **Appropriations:** *Explain the appropriation amounts. Provide detail, when appropriate, for each agency and fund affected. Explain the relationship between the amounts shown for expenditures and appropriations. Indicate whether the appropriation is also included in the executive budget or relates to a continuing appropriation.*

HB 1515 appropriates \$2,500,000 to the Industrial Commission from the General Fund. This appropriation was not included in the executive budget.

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| Name: | Karlene K. Fine | Agency: | Industrial Commission |
| Phone Number: | 328-3722 | Date Prepared: | 01/31/2007 |

FISCAL NOTE

Requested by Legislative Council

01/17/2007

Bill/Resolution No.: HB 1515

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

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2A. Bill and fiscal impact summary: *Provide a brief summary of the measure, including description of the provisions having fiscal impact (limited to 300 characters).*

Permits the establishment of a private land open to sportsmen biomass demonstration project and permits the Industrial Commission to establish a biomass incentive and research program.

B. Fiscal impact sections: *Identify and provide a brief description of the sections of the measure which have fiscal impact. Include any assumptions and comments relevant to the analysis.*

This is permissive language and does not provide any funding for either aspect of this legislation. Without an appropriation being provided, the Industrial Commission could not establish or participate in either of these programs. Estimates for establishing these programs and providing incentives have ranged from two to five million dollars.

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, for each agency and fund affected. Explain the relationship between the amounts shown for expenditures and appropriations. Indicate whether the appropriation is also included in the executive budget or relates to a continuing appropriation.*

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| Name: | Karlene K. Fine | Agency: | Industrial Commission |
| Phone Number: | 328-3722 | Date Prepared: | 01/24/2007 |

Date: 1-25-07
Roll Call Vote #: 1

2007 HOUSE STANDING COMMITTEE ROLL CALL VOTES
BILL/RESOLUTION NO. HB 1515

House Natural Resources Committee

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Legislative Council Amendment Number _____

Action Taken Do Pass

Motion Made By Meyer Seconded By DeKrey

| Representatives | Yes | No | Representatives | Yes | No |
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| Chairman - Rep. Porter | ✓ | | Rep. Hanson | ✓ | |
| Vice-Chairman - Rep Damschen | ✓ | | Rep. Hunskor | ✓ | |
| Rep. Charging | ✓ | | Rep. Kelsh | ✓ | |
| Rep. Clark | ✓ | | Rep. Meyer | ✓ | |
| Rep. DeKrey | ✓ | | Rep. Solberg | | |
| Rep. Drovdal | ✓ | | | | |
| Rep. Hofstad | ✓ | | | | |
| Rep. Keiser | ✓ | | | | |
| Rep. Nottestad | ✓ | | | | |
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Total Yes 13 No 0

Absent 1

Floor Assignment Keiser

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

motion prevails

Date: 1-26
 Roll Call Vote #: 1

2007 HOUSE STANDING COMMITTEE ROLL CALL VOTES
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House Natural Resources Committee

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Motion Made By Keiser Seconded By Hanson

| Representatives | Yes | No | Representatives | Yes | No |
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| Chairman - Rep. Porter | | | Rep. Hanson | | |
| Vice-Chairman - Rep Damschen | | | Rep. Hunskor | | |
| Rep. Charging | | | Rep. Kelsh | | |
| Rep. Clark | | | Rep. Meyer | | |
| Rep. DeKrey | | | Rep. Solberg | | |
| Rep. Drovdal | | | | | |
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Absent _____

Floor Assignment _____

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

*Vote noted
 approved*

Date: 1-26
Roll Call Vote #: 2

2007 HOUSE STANDING COMMITTEE ROLL CALL VOTES
BILL/RESOLUTION NO. HB 1515

House Natural Resources Committee

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Legislative Council Amendment Number _____

Action Taken add sec 3 - 2.5 million

Motion Made By Reiser Seconded By Hofstad

| Representatives | Yes | No | Representatives | Yes | No |
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| Chairman - Rep. Porter | | | Rep. Hanson | | |
| Vice-Chairman - Rep Damschen | | | Rep. Hunsakor | | |
| Rep. Charging | | | Rep. Kelsh | | |
| Rep. Clark | | | Rep. Meyer | | |
| Rep. DeKrey | | | Rep. Solberg | | |
| Rep. Drovdal | | | | | |
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Floor Assignment _____

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

Date: 1-26
 Roll Call Vote #: 3

2007 HOUSE STANDING COMMITTEE ROLL CALL VOTES
 BILL/RESOLUTION NO. HB 1515

House Natural Resources Committee

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Legislative Council Amendment Number _____

Action Taken Do Pass as amended

Motion Made By Keiser Seconded By No Hestad

| Representatives | Yes | No | Representatives | Yes | No |
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| Chairman - Rep. Porter | ✓ | | Rep. Hanson | ✓ | |
| Vice-Chairman - Rep Damschen | ✓ | | Rep. Hunsakor | | |
| Rep. Charging | ✓ | | Rep. Kelsh | | |
| Rep. Clark | ✓ | | Rep. Meyer | | |
| Rep. DeKrey | ✓ | | Rep. Solberg | ✓ | |
| Rep. Drovdal | ✓ | | | | |
| Rep. Hofstad | ✓ | | | | |
| Rep. Keiser | ✓ | | | | |
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Total Yes 11 No 0

Absent 3

Floor Assignment Keiser

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

*Per Reporter 1-29-07
 This was referred to Approp.
 as amended*

REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE

HB 1515: Natural Resources Committee (Rep. Porter, Chairman) recommends AMENDMENTS AS FOLLOWS and when so amended, recommends DO PASS and BE REREFERRED to the Appropriations Committee (11 YEAS, 0 NAYS, 3 ABSENT AND NOT VOTING). HB 1515 was placed on the Sixth order on the calendar.

Page 1, line 4, after "program" insert "; and to provide an appropriation"

Page 2, after line 21, insert:

"SECTION 3. APPROPRIATION. There is appropriated out of any moneys in the general fund in the state treasury, not otherwise appropriated, the sum of \$2,500,000, or so much of the sum as may be necessary, to the industrial commission for the purpose of establishing a private land open to sportsmen biomass demonstration project and a biomass incentive and research project, for the biennium beginning July 1, 2007, and ending June 30, 2009."

Renumber accordingly

2007 HOUSE APPROPRIATIONS

HB 1515

2007 HOUSE STANDING COMMITTEE MINUTES

Bill/Resolution No. HB 1515

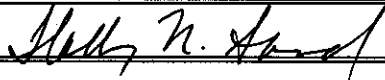
House Appropriations Committee

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Minutes:

Chairman Svedjan: Open the hearing for HB 1515 and we have a FN that is dated on 1/31 and an amendment. Is that the amendment that led to the engrossed bill?

Rep Porter: Yes it was.

Rep Porter: I believe the engrossed bill does is adding section 3 which is a 2.5 million dollar appropriation. What this bill is is a bio mass demonstration project and bio mass incentive and research program. The testimony we took in House Natural Resources was directly related to most recent Presidents State of the Union Address in talking about renewable energy and renewable program. The 20/15 goal is 35 billion gallons of ethanol being produced a year. Currently we are at 5 or 6 billion gallons of ethanol. Under the current technology, from the information that we received, there is no way to do this with turning a grain into ethanol product. The new technology to switch grasses and wheat straw and corn straw/stover is to turn into ethanol.

The switch grass, which grows up to 6/7 feet tall, is best harvested every other year. Inside of this program there is a definite value to Game and Fish and back to nesting habitat and other habitat in the state of ND.

So inside the first section of the program it allows Game and Fish, if they choose to, incorporate that into current slots program. They have numerous programs that work with