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2007 SENATE APPROPRIATIONS

SB 2009

2007 SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE MINUTES

Bill/Resolution No. 2009

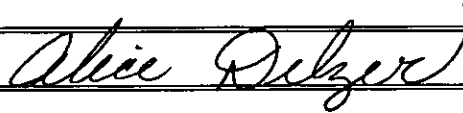
Senate Appropriations Committee

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Hearing Date: 01-19-07

Recorder Job Number: 1487

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Minutes:

Chairman Holmberg opened the hearing on SB 2009 at 10:45 am on January 19, 2007 in the Brynhild Haugland Room regarding the Agriculture Commission. A Testimony List (a) was submitted to the committee. Notation was made by Senator Holmberg of other bills being heard during the 2007 session with interest to the Agriculture Commission, SB 2114, SB 2107, SB 2199 (Pride of Dakota), SB 2283 (Farm Markets), SB 2323 (Earth Fund Issue).

Roger Johnson, Agriculture Commissioner of the North Dakota Department of Agriculture (NDDA) presented written testimony (1) and gave oral testimony in support of SB 2009. He presented an overview of his Department as follows:

1. Vision/Mission Statements
2. Introduction
3. Organizational Chart
4. Executive Services
5. Livestock Services
6. Plant Industries
7. Summary
8. Supplemental Information (Attachments 0 -8)

Mr. Johnson was asked to supply information regarding Contract Employees in his office. He stated they use very little Contract Employees, but there are two areas where they do:

1. NDDA's livestock program has a cooperative agreement with USDA, whereby USDA provides 100% funding of three contractors to gather market information at ND livestock markets.
2. NDDA uses Command Center, a local temporary employee service, to fill certain staffing needs.

He also mentioned 3 other new bills that will be introduced this session regarding Organic Industry, State Animal ID Commission, and sunflower Association.

Senator Fischer had questions regarding the Organic Industry and what part of the state is involved in this industry and questions regarding the noxious weed issue. He was informed by

Mr. Johnson that there is an Organic Association located in Medina, ND. Also the AC is working with the Weed Board in the control of noxious weeds.

Senator Christman had questions regarding the Bee Keepers Industry and a certain spray they use to kill mites. He was informed by Bonnie Woodworth that the Bee Keepers will have 2 or 3 pesticides to work with.

Chairman Holmberg commented that the Subcommittee who consists of **Senator Bowman, Chairman, and Senators Fischer and Krauter** will be working with the Department.

Roger Johnson introduced members of his Department that were present: Jeff Weispfenning, Deputy Commissioner; Program Managers – Wayne Carlson, Livestock Services; Ken Junkert, Plant Industries; Jeff Knutson, Executive Services; and State Veterinarian, Dr. Susan Keller.

Calvin Myers, President of Myer's Meats and Specialties, Inc., Parshall, ND, presented written testimony (2) and gave oral testimony in support of SB 2009.

Art Wanner, Wurst Shop, Dickinson, ND gave oral testimony in support of SB 2009.

Senator Tallackson inquired about the products they produce there. He was informed that they produce all sausage products and they do not do any processing in their plant.

Beth Bakke Stenejhem, Executive Director of the ND FFA Foundation gave written testimony (3) and oral testimony in support of SB 20009. She shared the Ag in the Classroom Program, and how successful this program is in the schools. It is estimated that these projects reached over 6,000 students and adults.

Nathan Boehm, Dairy farmer, Mandan, ND and Chairman and Dairy Representative to the State Board of Animal Health provided written testimony (4) and oral testimony in support of SB 2009.

Arlyn Scherbenske, DVM, Accredited Veterinarian, Steele, ND gave oral testimony in support of SB 2009. Some of the issues he felt concern over were the increasing number of humane complaints, need to follow up with State Veterinarian regarding neglect and abuse, concerns about Anthrax, and West Nile Disease.

Brent Stroh, Past President, ND Lamb and wool Producers, Tappen, ND presented oral testimony in support of SB 2009.

Merlin Leithold, ND Weed Control Association and Weed Officer from Grant County presented written testimony (5) and oral testimony in support of SB 2009. He stated there are 12 serious noxious weeds in his county alone. **Senator Wardner** stated he appreciates the work that is being done regarding noxious weeds.

Gary Knutson, ND AG Association, Fargo, SafeSend testified in support of SB 2009.

Ivan Williams, ND Ag Association, Mandan, ND, SafeSend presented written testimony (6) and oral testimony in support of SB 2009.

He shared the concern regarding federal funding and talked about the Endangered Species Act SB 2323.

Deanna Wiese, ND Ag Coalition, Bismarck, ND presented written testimony (7) and gave oral testimony in support of SB 2009.

Ginny Brockel, Rancher, Hurdsfield, ND presented written testimony (8) and gave oral testimony in support of this bill. She is a shepherdess and shared her concerns regarding the serious problem she is having with predators, particularly the coyote. She is working with the USDA Wildlife Service to control the problem of the predators.

Sherry Norbeck, Homeowner, Bismarck, ND presented written testimony (9) and gave oral testimony in support of the bill. She shared about the infestation of beavers on her property and the help she is receiving from the USDA Wildlife Service.

Linda Dammel, Rolling Hills Premium Beef, Medina, ND with Pride of Dakota gave 2 packages of Beef Sticks and testified in support of SB 2009.

Eric Bartsch, Northern Pulse Growers Association and ND Dry Pea and Lentil Council, Bismarck Representing Marketing, Plant Protection, Pesticides presented written testimony (10) and gave oral testimony in support of SB 2009. He shared the North Pulse Growers Association represents the pea, lentil and chickpea growers and processors throughout North Dakota and Montana. The NDDA has been instrumental in developing trade relations with Cuba. As a result, Cuba has become one of the major markets for North Dakota peas. The NDDA has also been working with our industry in developing a feed pea market in Mexico. The work by the marketing department in countries like Cuba and Mexico has had a major impact on the North Dakota pulse crop industry and our ability to effectively market our

crop. He shared about the pesticide programs within the Agriculture Department and how they are instrumental for North Dakota to enhance pesticide availability and provide safe, high quality food.

Senator Tallackson asked what the meaning of Pulse is. He was informed it is the Latin word for a thick soup.

Shawn Ritter, Ag Mediation Client, Ashley, ND gave oral testimony in support of SB 2009.

Wade Moser, ND Stockmen's Association stated they work very closely with the Agriculture Commissioner, the Wildlife Services that is in this budget, the Livestock Division with Wayne's supervision over the auction markets and cattle buyers. We also appreciate the extra effort being put forward in trying to increase agriculture by many departments in government and our Commissioner has taken the lead in a lot of that. Also appreciate the Board of Animal Health and the importance that they serve to our industry. The Meat Inspection Program is also very important and needs attention. We support the SB 2009.

Senator Wardner reminded members of the committee to stay tuned to reports from Senator Holmberg as to our next move. The hearing was closed on SB 2009.

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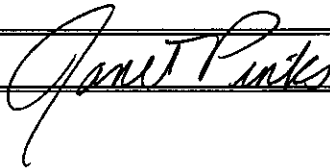
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Minutes:

Chairman Holmberg opened the hearing on SB 2009.

Senator Bowman reviewed the amendments .0102 for the committee.

Senator Bowman moved a do pass on the amendments .0102. **Senator Christman** seconded.

An oral vote was taken resulting in a DO PASS on amendment .0102.

Discussion was held with Senator Krauter discussing the amendment .0101.

Senator Krauter moved the circled section on amendment .0101 and 3 footnote be inserted into amendment .0102. **Senator Tallackson** seconded. An oral vote was taken and the motion carried.

Senator Bowman moved a DO PASS AS AMENDED. **Senator Krauter** seconded.

Senator Bowman moved an addition to amendment .0102 to add \$79,500 to the market line and removed the language at the bottom of the amendment. **Senator Krauter** seconded. An oral vote was taken and the motion carried.

Chairman Holmberg put this hearing on hold.

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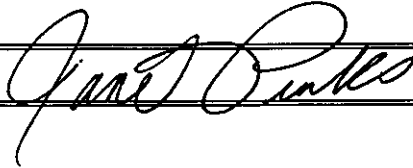
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Chairman Holmberg reopened the hearing on SB 2009.

Senator Krauter discussed amendment .0101 and the possibility of adding this to the approved amendment. The motion carried.

Discussion was held in that the original Senator Bowman amendments were accepted, the designated Senator Krauter amendment was added and now the last paragraph was added to the amendment. A roll call vote was taken resulting in 14 yes, 0 no, 0 absent. The motion carried.

Senator Bowman moved a DO PASS ON SB 2009 with the requested change including the marketing line item be added to and language at the bottom of the amendment be removed. Senator Krauter seconded. A roll call vote resulted in 14 yes, 0 no, 0 absent.

Senator Krauter was asked to carry the bill.

Chairman Holmberg closed the hearing on SB 2009.

FISCAL NOTE

Requested by Legislative Council

03/28/2007

Amendment to: Engrossed
 SB 2009

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	
	General Fund	Other Funds	General Fund	Other Funds	General Fund	Other Funds
Revenues						
Expenditures			\$10,744			
Appropriations			\$10,744			

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		
Counties	Cities	School Districts	Counties	Cities	School Districts	Counties	Cities	School Districts

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).*

This bill increases the salary of the agriculture commissioner by the amounts indicated as expenditures and appropriations.

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.*

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.*

The appropriation for the commissioner's salary is included in the executive budget.

Name:	Jeff Weispenning	Agency:	Agriculture
Phone Number:	328-4758	Date Prepared:	03/28/2007

FISCAL NOTE

Requested by Legislative Council

01/04/2007

REVISION

Bill/Resolution No.: SB 2009

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	
	General Fund	Other Funds	General Fund	Other Funds	General Fund	Other Funds
Revenues				\$505,000		\$505,000
Expenditures			\$10,744	\$300,000		
Appropriations			\$10,744	\$100,000		

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		
Counties	Cities	School Districts	Counties	Cities	School Districts	Counties	Cities	School Districts

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).*

This bill removes the sunset on \$50 of the pesticide registration fee and increases the salary of the agriculture commissioner.

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.*

There are 10,100 registered pesticide products. With the removal of the sunset, an additional \$50 per product is collected for the EARP fund. This will generate \$505,000 of revenue. The increase in the agriculture commissioner's salary will cost the general fund \$10,744 for the 2007-09 biennium. The removal of the sunset allows appropriation of \$100,000 of operating for Ag in the Classroom and the transfer of \$200,000 from the EARP Fund to the Minor Use Fund.

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.*

Expenditures include \$100,000 for Ag in the Classroom and the transfer of \$200,000 to the Minor Use 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.*

The appropriations for the salary increase for the Commissioner and for Ag in the Classroom and the transfer to the Minor Use Fund are included in the executive budget.

Name:	Jeff Weispfenning	Agency:	Department of Agriculture
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Phone Number: 328-4758

Date Prepared: 01/03/2007

FISCAL NOTE
Requested by Legislative Council
01/02/2007

Bill/Resolution No.: SB 2009

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	
	General Fund	Other Funds	General Fund	Other Funds	General Fund	Other Funds
Revenues				\$505,000		\$505,000
Expenditures			\$10,744			
Appropriations			\$10,744			

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		
Counties	Cities	School Districts	Counties	Cities	School Districts	Counties	Cities	School Districts

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).*

This bill removes the sunset on \$50 of the pesticide registration fee. It also increases the salary of the agriculture commissioner consistent with other state employees.

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.*

There are 10,100 registered pesticide products. With the removal of the sunset, an additional \$50 per product is collected for the EARP (Environment & Rangeland Protection) fund. This will generate \$505,000 of revenue. The increase in the agriculture commissioner's salary will cost the general fund \$10,744 for the 2007-09 biennium.

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.*

This appropriation is included in the executive budget.

Name:	Jeff Weispenning	Agency:	Department of Agriculture
Phone Number:	328-4758	Date Prepared:	01/03/2007

PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO SENATE BILL NO. 2009

Page 1, line 4, remove "and" and after "date" insert "; and to declare an emergency"

Page 1, line 23, replace "878,785" with "1,237,807"

Page 1, line 24, replace "1,262,558" with "1,277,544"

Page 2, after line 2, insert:

"Wildlife services 330,000"

Page 2, line 4, replace "2,300,018" with "3,004,026"

Page 2, line 5, replace "1,392,413" with "1,725,102"

Page 2, line 6, replace "907,605" with "1,278,924"

Page 2, line 12, replace "6,662,302" with "7,021,324"

Page 2, line 13, replace "5,518,433" with "5,533,419"

Page 2, after line 16, insert:

"Wildlife services 330,000"

Page 2, line 18, replace "16,309,662" with "17,013,670"

Page 2, line 19, replace "10,878,945" with "11,211,634"

Page 2, line 20, replace "5,430,717" with "5,802,036"

Page 3, line 2, replace "\$889,684" with "\$1,089,684"

Page 5, after line 15, insert:

"SECTION 10. EMERGENCY. The amount of \$130,000 in the wildlife services line item in section 3 of this Act is declared to be an emergency measure."

Re-number accordingly

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE OF AMENDMENT:

Senate Bill No. 2009 - Department of Agriculture - Senate Action

	EXECUTIVE BUDGET	SENATE CHANGES	SENATE VERSION
Salaries and wages	\$6,662,302	\$359,022	\$7,021,324
Operating expenses	5,518,433	14,986	5,533,419
Capital assets	5,000		5,000
Grants	1,774,225		1,774,225
Board of Animal Health	2,299,702		2,299,702
Crop Harmonization Board	50,000		50,000
Wildlife services		<u>330,000</u>	<u>330,000</u>
Total all funds	\$16,309,662	\$704,008	\$17,013,670
Less estimated income	<u>10,878,945</u>	<u>332,689</u>	<u>11,211,634</u>
General fund	\$5,430,717	\$371,319	\$5,802,036
FTE	67.00	0.00	67.00

Dept. 602 - Department of Agriculture - Detail of Senate Changes

	ADDS FUNDING TO CONTINUE MEAT INSPECTION PROGRAM ¹	ADDS FUNDING FOR WILDLIFE SERVICES ²	ADDS FUNDING FOR SALARY EQUITY INCREASES ³	TOTAL SENATE CHANGES
Salaries and wages	\$40,884		\$318,138	\$359,022
Operating expenses	14,986			14,986
Capital assets				
Grants				
Board of Animal Health				
Crop Harmonization Board				
Wildlife services		<u>\$330,000</u>		<u>330,000</u>
Total all funds	\$55,870	\$330,000	\$318,138	\$704,008
Less estimated income		<u>200,000</u>	<u>132,689</u>	<u>332,689</u>
General fund	\$55,870	\$130,000	\$185,449	\$371,319
FTE	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00

1 This amendment adds \$40,884 for salaries and \$14,986 for operating expenses to continue the meat inspection program.

2 This amendment provides \$130,000 from the general fund and \$200,000 from the game and fish operating fund for wildlife services. The \$130,000 from the general fund is an emergency measure.

3 This amendment provides \$185,449 from the general fund and \$132,689 from other funds for salary equity increases.

PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO SENATE BILL NO. 2009

Page 1, line 4, after "transfers" insert "; to provide for legislative intent"

Page 1, line 23, replace "878,785" with "1,028,785"

Page 1, line 24, replace "1,262,558" with "1,362,558"

Page 1, after line 24, insert:

"Grants 150,000"

Page 2, after line 2, insert:

"Wildlife services 200,000"

Page 2, line 4, replace "2,300,018" with "2,900,018"

Page 2, line 6, replace "907,605" with "1,507,605"

Page 2, line 12, replace "6,662,302" with "6,812,302"

Page 2, line 13, replace "5,518,433" with "5,618,433"

Page 2, line 15, replace "1,774,225" with "1,924,225"

Page 2, after line 16, insert:

"Wildlife services 200,000"

Page 2, line 18, replace "16,309,662" with "16,909,662"

Page 2, line 20, replace "5,430,717" with "6,030,717"

Page 3, after line 5, insert:

"SECTION 7. INTENT - SALARY EQUITY. The sum of \$150,000 included in the salaries and wages line item in section 3 of this Act is for salary equity increases, which must be based on market."

Page 3, after line 7, insert:

"SECTION 9. TRANSFER. The office of management and budget shall transfer \$79,500 from the environment and rangeland protection fund to the general fund during the biennium beginning July 1, 2007, and ending June 30, 2009."

Renumber accordingly

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE OF AMENDMENT:

Senate Bill No. 2009 - Department of Agriculture - Senate Action

	EXECUTIVE BUDGET	SENATE CHANGES	SENATE VERSION
Salaries and wages	\$6,662,302	\$150,000	\$6,812,302
Operating expenses	5,518,433	100,000	5,618,433
Capital assets	5,000		5,000
Grants	1,774,225	150,000	1,924,225
Board of Animal Health	2,299,702		2,299,702
Crop Harmonization Board	50,000		50,000
Wildlife services		<u>200,000</u>	<u>200,000</u>
Total all funds	\$16,309,662	\$600,000	\$16,909,662
Less estimated income	<u>10,878,945</u>		<u>10,878,945</u>
General fund	\$5,430,717	\$600,000	\$6,030,717
FTE	67.00	0.00	67.00

Dept. 602 - Department of Agriculture - Detail of Senate Changes

	PROVIDES FUNDING FOR SALARY MARKET EQUITY ADJUSTMENTS 1	PROVIDES FUNDING FOR PRIDE OF DAKOTA AND MARKETING 2	PROVIDES FUNDING FOR DAIRY COALITION GRANTS 3	PROVIDES FUNDING FOR WILDLIFE SERVICES 4	TOTAL SENATE CHANGES
Salaries and wages	\$150,000				\$150,000
Operating expenses		\$100,000			100,000
Capital assets					
Grants			\$150,000		150,000
Board of Animal Health					
Crop Harmonization Board					
Wildlife services				<u>\$200,000</u>	<u>200,000</u>
Total all funds	\$150,000	\$100,000	\$150,000	\$200,000	\$600,000
Less estimated income					
General fund	\$150,000	\$100,000	\$150,000	\$200,000	\$600,000
FTE	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00

1 This amendment provides \$150,000 for salary equity adjustments, which must be based on market.

2 This amendment provides \$100,000 for Pride of Dakota and marketing.

3 This amendment provides funding for a grant to the North Dakota Dairy Coalition for developing and expanding the dairy industry.

4 This amendment provides \$200,000 from the general fund for wildlife services.

This amendment also transfers \$79,500 from the environment and rangeland protection fund to the general fund and provides legislative intent that the additional salary equity dollars must be based on market.

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Date: 2/13/07
Roll Call Vote #: 1

2007 SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE ROLL CALL VOTES
BILL/RESOLUTION NO. 2009

Senate Appropriations Committee

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Action Taken D-P as amend

Motion Made By Bowman Seconded By Krauter

Senators	Yes	No	Senators	Yes	No
Senator Ray Holmberg, Chrm	✓		Senator Aaron Krauter	✓	
Senator Bill Bowman, V Chrm	✓		Senator Elroy N. Lindaas	✓	
Senator Tony Grindberg, V Chrm	✓		Senator Tim Mathern	✓	
Senator Randel Christmann	✓		Senator Larry J. Robinson	✓	
Senator Tom Fischer	✓		Senator Tom Seymour	✓	
Senator Ralph L. Kilzer	✓		Senator Harvey Tallackson	✓	
Senator Karen K. Krebsbach	✓				
Senator Rich Wardner	✓				

Total (Yes) 14 No —

Absent 0

Floor Assignment Krauter

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

REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE

SB 2009: Appropriations Committee (Sen. Holmberg, Chairman) recommends **AMENDMENTS AS FOLLOWS** and when so amended, recommends **DO PASS** (14 YEAS, 0 NAYS, 0 ABSENT AND NOT VOTING). SB 2009 was placed on the Sixth order on the calendar.

Page 1, line 4, after "transfers" insert "; to provide for legislative intent"

Page 1, line 23, replace "878,785" with "1,196,923"

Page 1, line 24, replace "1,262,558" with "1,442,058"

Page 1, after line 24, insert:
"Grants 150,000"

Page 2, after line 2, insert:
"Wildlife services 200,000"

Page 2, line 4, replace "2,300,018" with "3,147,656"

Page 2, line 5, replace "1,392,413" with "1,604,602"

Page 2, line 6, replace "907,605" with "1,543,054"

Page 2, line 12, replace "6,662,302" with "6,980,440"

Page 2, line 13, replace "5,518,433" with "5,697,933"

Page 2, line 15, replace "1,774,225" with "1,924,225"

Page 2, after line 16, insert:
"Wildlife services 200,000"

Page 2, line 18, replace "16,309,662" with "17,157,300"

Page 2, line 19, replace "10,878,945" with "11,091,134"

Page 2, line 20, replace "5,430,717" with "6,066,166"

Page 2, line 23, replace "\$2,962,609" with "\$3,042,109"

Page 3, after line 5, insert:

"SECTION 7. INTENT - SALARY EQUITY. The sum of \$318,138 included in the salaries and wages line item in section 3 of this Act is for salary equity increases, which must be based on market."

Renumber accordingly

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE OF AMENDMENT:

Senate Bill No. 2009 - Department of Agriculture - Senate Action

	EXECUTIVE BUDGET	SENATE CHANGES	SENATE VERSION
Salaries and wages	\$6,662,302	\$318,138	\$6,980,440

Operating expenses	5,518,433	179,500	5,697,933
Capital assets	5,000		5,000
Grants	1,774,225	150,000	1,924,225
Board of Animal Health	2,299,702		2,299,702
Crop Harmonization Board	50,000		50,000
Wildlife services		<u>200,000</u>	<u>200,000</u>
Total all funds	\$16,309,662	\$847,638	\$17,157,300
Less estimated income	<u>10,878,945</u>	<u>212,189</u>	<u>11,091,134</u>
General fund	\$5,430,717	\$635,449	\$6,066,166
FTE	67.00	0.00	67.00

Dept. 602 - Department of Agriculture - Detail of Senate Changes

	PROVIDES FUNDING FOR SALARY MARKET EQUITY ADJUSTMENTS 1	PROVIDES FUNDING FOR PRIDE OF DAKOTA AND MARKETING 2	PROVIDES FUNDING FOR DAIRY COALITION GRANTS 3	PROVIDES FUNDING FOR WILDLIFE SERVICES 4	TOTAL SENATE CHANGES
Salaries and wages	\$318,138				\$318,138
Operating expenses		\$179,500			179,500
Capital assets					
Grants			\$150,000		150,000
Board of Animal Health					
Crop Harmonization Board					
Wildlife services				<u>\$200,000</u>	<u>200,000</u>
Total all funds	\$318,138	\$179,500	\$150,000	\$200,000	\$847,638
Less estimated income	<u>132,689</u>	<u>79,500</u>			<u>212,189</u>
General fund	\$185,449	\$100,000	\$150,000	\$200,000	\$635,449
FTE	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00

1 This amendment provides \$318,138 for salary equity adjustments, which must be based on market.

2 This amendment provides \$100,000 from the general fund and \$79,500 from the environment and rangeland protection fund for Pride of Dakota and marketing.

3 This amendment provides funding for a grant to the North Dakota Dairy Coalition for developing and expanding the dairy industry.

4 This amendment provides \$200,000 from the general fund for wildlife services.

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Minutes:

Chairman Wald: Called the hearing to order on SB 2009, State Ag Department, by introducing Agriculture Commissioner, Roger Johnson.

Commissioner Johnson: (See Handout #1, 1a, 2, 3, and 4, SB 2009 North Dakota Department of Agriculture, NDDA) began his testimony on the budget presentation beginning on pages 3-5. On pages 6 -7 the significant budget issues are detailed. Executive services such as Pride of Dakota are being placed "on budget" rather than using conference accounts.

Chairman Wald: How much was allocated for Pride of Dakota prior to the Senate adding on \$100,000?

Commissioner Johnson: The Governor's total, historically has been \$150,000 line item and that included half the salary of one individual. We are asking that you put another \$291,000 into that. This has been a tremendous success story. Handout # 2 has additional information done as a master's research project. Farmers' Markets was provided an additional \$79,500 by the Senate.

Chairman Wald: The Senate put in \$79,500 of special funds. What are those special funds?

Commissioner Johnson: Those are Environmental and Rangeland Protection Funds (EARP) as well.

Representative Aarsvold: The Game and Fish was here yesterday and they added \$130,000 appropriation there, so blending with their amount you are bumping up to about to about \$870,000 or something like that.

Commissioner Johnson: The \$130,000 that was added to the Game and Fish budget was money that was originally appropriated for the current biennium but had language that didn't allow us to transfer it.

Representative Aarsvold: Are there federal funds also available?

Commissioner Johnson: It is different with wild life services than any other federal agency. We apply for and receive money from them and match those dollars with state dollars, we hire the personnel and carry out the program but wild life services is a USDA agency, they carry out the programs and the state provides matching money to them. We have less control over how those dollars get spent because they are run through that federal agency.

Representative Aarsvold: Next biennium, will you be able to meet the demand for wild life services?

Commissioner Johnson: We are saying "yes". We hope we can do it with this \$200,000 we're asking for here. On page 7, plant industries are outlined. Money is transferred from the EARP fund into the Minor Use Fund.

Representative Klein: Expand on the Minor Use Fund.

Commissioner Johnson: The Minor Use Fund is a special fund within a special fund that is used to provide matching money to entities that want to get pesticides registered for minor crops or minor uses on major crops.

Other legislation of interest, SB 2114 allows Board of Animal Health to collect and spend money from tags and health certificates.

SB 2023, that is the deficiency appropriation bill, provides for \$58,870 for the current biennium to cover funding shortfalls in the meat inspection program.

Vice Chairman Monson: You have 5 new FTEs and that includes

I see that the 5 FTEs really don't make a lot of money. Are they low paying jobs?

Commissioner Johnson: They are about 50% federally funded or are identified under the additional compensation package.

Chairman Wald: Is the travel included in the motor pool costs?

Commissioner Johnson: There are industry bills out there as well. SB 2323 takes \$50 per product from the general fund to be deposited in the EARP fund and appropriates \$325,000 for two FTE and lab fees for the endangered species program. SB 2335 allows for \$131,000 for development of organic programs. SB 2338 provides \$114,000 for development of a data base for tracking livestock. SB 2179 provides \$79,500 for black bird depredation research

Chairman Wald: There is a program at NDSU on black bird depredation?

Commissioner Johnson: No, largely that is all done through wildlife services in our agency.

Vice Chairman Monson: This is for research not for killing the birds.

Commissioner Johnson: Yes, this came forward from the sunflower industry, putting bait along roadsides. SB 2017 provides \$130,000 of Game and Fish funds for Wildlife Services.

The flow chart on page 8 shows the schematic of employees.

Representative Klein: Where does the special funds come from?

Jeff Weisfenning, Deputy Agriculture Commissioner: Those are mostly special funds in Ag in the Classroom, EARP fund cash and fund raising authority and others.

Commissioner Johnson: Referred to handouts # 2, 3 and 4. There is no money in DPI for Ag in the Classroom. Handout # 5 is about the ag mediation program.

