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SB 2191

## 2007 SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE MINUTES

Bill/Resolution No. 2191

Senate Government and Veterans Affairs Committee

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Hearing Date: 1/26/07

Recorder Job Number: 2039, 2040

Committee Clerk Signature

*Monica Spaulding*

Minutes:

Roll was taken and all members were present.

Sen. Dever, Chairman, opened the hearing on SB 2191.

Robert Evans, Secretary for the North Dakota Veterans Coordinating Council, introduced the bill. See attachment # 1.

Senator Dever asked if the people stationed at the air bases are to be included in the benefits described in SB 2191

Robert said it is his intention to include everyone going back to the Vietnam era. All stateside or noncombat veterans would receive the bonus of \$12.50 per month.

Senator Dever asked if this was just North Dakota residents being considered.

Robert said it included ND residents and people who file a ND income tax return.

Senator Dever mentioned that the fiscal note is for \$7,000,000.00.

Robert said it is quite a high number. He referred to the 6612 Air Force personnel listed on the testimony. That includes the people stationed at the bases in North Dakota that are not residents of North Dakota.

Senator Dever asked if it is the intent of the bill to bonus those people who are stationed at the air bases in North Dakota but are not residents of North Dakota.

Robert said, no, they are not to be included. This is only for North Dakota residents.

Senator Dever said that is the biggest share.

Robert said the majority of the people at our air bases are from out of state.

Senator Dever asked if they are included on the fiscal note.

Robert said they are included in the fiscal note and the fiscal note is probably wrong.

Senator Dever said it probably isn't wrong.

Senator Horne asked for clarification. Someone who is a resident of ND and is stationed at the air base in Grand Forks would get paid \$50.00 per month for as long as he is in the military.

Robert said that if you were on active duty and served during the time spelled out in the bill, you would get a bonus of \$50.00 per month for your time of service. This is the same formula used during the Vietnam War.

Senator Horne asked if the dates include the time of the Iraqi conflict

Robert said that is correct.

Senator Oehlke asked if someone was in service during a time there was no conflict, would they get a bonus.

Robert said that is correct. It is only for the period stipulated in the bill.

Senator Dever said it seems there needs to be some serious reconciliation between SB 2115 and SB 2191. He asked if the bill would be reworked and would meet the intent to include the residents of ND in the bonus but not the non-residents serving at the air bases, would that be amenable to them.

Robert said it would.

There was discussion of possible changes to reconcile the two bills.

Lyle Schuchard, Secretary for the Administrative Committee on Government Affairs and member of the Workforce Development Council for North Dakota, representing the 60,000+

veterans from North Dakota, spoke in favor of the bill. He explained that the Administrative Committee on Government Affairs consists of 15 members, three from each of the service organizations. American Legion, VFW, DAV, AmVets, and Vietnam Veterans of America. He recommends a do pass.

Bob Hanson, Commissioner of Veterans' Affairs from North Dakota, spoke in support of SB 2191. See attachment # 2.

Opposition: -

Neutral: -

Dave Sprynzynatyk, Adjutant General, asked the committee if he could address the issue of the fiscal note. He affirmed that the numbers he has are the same as what Robert Evans had.

8600 times \$900.00 would even be a little higher than what is in the fiscal note. This is based on the information they got from the Dept. of Defense and the number of people who have joined the military back to December of 1992.

Senator Dever mentioned there are about 7000 Air Force personnel at the base in Grand Forks. A certain unknown number will retire and take advantage of this. (I couldn't hear the tape.)

Dave Sprynzynatyk said that is correct and those people were not added into the estimates for the fiscal note. He feels that there may be only a handful that qualify.

There was discussion about having taken out the definition of resident and the need to possibly put it back in now.

There was discussion of what would make them eligible for the \$50.00 per month bonus. This proposed bonus was compared to the bonuses offered for previous wars. Residency requirements in relation to bonus eligibility in Section 7 were discussed.

The discrepancy between Robert Evans' estimate of 2500 ND residents qualifying for this bonus and Dave Sprynzynatyk's estimate of 8684 qualifying was discussed.

Senator Marcellais asked when a veteran had to only serve 30 days to qualify for veterans' benefits. He always thought it was 180 days of active duty. The definition on line 7 page 2 says only 30 days.

Robert said that the ND State Law says 30 days. It doesn't follow the federal guidelines of 180 days in this case.

Senator Nelson asked if people could declare residency in ND after they join the service to take advantage of this benefit.

Dave Sprynzynatyk said according to Section 7 they would have to be a resident prior to joining the military.

Senator Dever asked about the language that was struck on SB 2115.

Dave Sprynzynatyk said yes because of how the eligibility was defined. The language in SB 2115 was to make sure that the people living out of state who had served in the ND National Guard would be eligible.

Senator Dever asked where the fund stands right now. Is it at around \$5,000,000.00?

Dave Sprynzynatyk said last legislative session \$5,000,000.00 was put into the veterans' bonus program. To date approximately \$2,100,000.00 has been spent. They expect by the end of the biennium about \$2,500,000.00 will have been spent. In SB 2115 the eligibility period was extended to June 30<sup>th</sup>, 2009. Right now there is a sunset on the program of June 30<sup>th</sup>, 2007.

Due to being at war they have asked for it to be extended. If it is not extended, it will be over on June 30<sup>th</sup> of this year. Even if it gets extended, it is likely they will be back to ask for it to be extended another two years.

Senator Dever reminded the committee that any bills with a fiscal note are due out of committee by February 2<sup>nd</sup>. He assigned a subcommittee to look into this. He asked who Dave would suggest they should consult with.

Dave Sprynzynatyk said Dave Thiele would be a good resource.

Senator Dever asked if Mr. Evans or Mr. Hanson had any suggestions of who could serve on the subcommittee.

Chairman Dever closed the hearing on SB 2191.

The committee will act on the bill after the subcommittee reports back to them.

## 2007 SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE MINUTES

Bill/Resolution No. 2191

Senate Government and Veterans Affairs Committee

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Hearing Date: 2/01/07

Recorder Job Number: 2626

Committee Clerk Signature

*Thomas Spurling*

Minutes:

All members of the committee were present.

Chairman Dever opened discussion on SB 2191.

Senator Dever mentioned that part of the concern the committee had had when they considered the bill was that it had to be reconciled with SB 2115. He mentioned the committee had asked Colonel Thiele to draft an amendment. Colonel Thiele put together a hoghouse amendment. Senators Dever and Marcellais had consulted with John Walstad in Legislative Council who felt the bill as it was would be a problem to reconcile with SB 2115. Senator Dever presented the hoghouse bill to the committee. Senator Dever explained that under the provisions of this bill a veteran would receive \$50.00 per month for time spent stateside in preparation to going to a war zone, and \$100.00 per month for the time spent in a war zone. He understands a war zone as Iraq, Kuwait, Afghanistan, or any other place where an expeditionary medal or campaign badge is appropriate, maybe including Kosovo and Bosnia. He clarified that active military components received the bonus only when they are in the war zone. The hoghouse says that each active component veteran who is a resident of North Dakota and was a resident of North Dakota at the time of enlistment is entitled to \$50.00 per month for each month for stateside service since September 11, 2001. The veterans are



already getting \$100.00 per month for the time spent in a war zone, and this bill would add the provision for the veteran to be paid \$50.00 per month for the months of stateside service.

There was discussion about the possible fiscal impact as addressed in attachment #1, page 2.

The committee felt there needed to be an amendment to SB 2191 to reconcile SB 2191 and SB 2115.

There was some discussion about the periods of service this hoghouse bill would affect as referred to in attachment #1, page 2.

Senator Dever commented that the military is different now than it was when there was a draft in place. Now joining the military is more of a career choice.

There was some discussion about what military personnel make, whether they pay taxes on it, and what the beneficiaries get when a military personnel dies. The committee discussed what the intent of the money is: to cover burial costs, to help families adjust, or to say thank you?

The committee felt the intent was to say thank you to the family.

Senator Dever mentioned that when he got out of the service many insurance companies were unwilling to insure the veterans who were coming out.

Senator Lee mentioned we definitely want to support our military but she struggles with every one is getting an ongoing monthly bonus. There was discussion that it is a lump sum and that it does have maximums set.

Senator Marcellais said the Guards and Reserves were getting a bonus but it was leaving out the active military. This bill would make it equitable to them.

There was discussion about how SB 2115 would affect this bill if SB 2115 passes.

Senator Oehlke made a motion to amend SB 2191.

Senator Marcellais seconded the motion.

Roll Call Vote: Yes 6 No 0 Absent 0

The committee wanted to see the revised fiscal note before they voted on SB 2191.

The committee will wait to act on this bill.

## 2007 SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE MINUTES

Bill/Resolution No. 2191

Senate Government and Veterans Affairs Committee

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Hearing Date: 2/02/07

Recorder Job Number: 2706

Committee Clerk Signature

*Veronica Spaulding*

Minutes:

All members of the committee were present.

Chairman Dever opened discussion on SB 2191.

The bill is before them as amended, the hoghouse amendment. The committee held it until they could see the fiscal note. Senator Dever mentioned that until amendments are adopted on the floor, they don't generate a fiscal note. In lieu of a fiscal note, see attachment # 1.

Senator Dever asked where in the world do people now earn the Expeditionary and Campaign Medals?

Colonel responded it is in the Theater of Operations, where they have determined that there is some form of combat operations ongoing. Right now the Theater of Operations is in Iraq, Afghanistan and the surrounding areas.

Senator Dever asked if that was a federal designation.

Colonel Thiele responded in the affirmative.

There was some discussion about who would be considered in the war zone.

Senator Dever raised a question. Should people who now voluntarily enlist and get paid much more than they used to be paid be getting the same benefits as veterans who served under much different circumstances? Since active components veterans are included while they are

in those areas that include the awards that are being discussed, should they also be included in their station elsewhere?

There was some discussion of the pay and the fringe benefits that the military receive.

Senator Lee mentioned that the guard used to not get called up like they are being called now and they are putting in some long tours of duty. There is a great deal of commitment and most of the people are not full time. They are trying to carry on with their jobs, etc. while keeping their commitment to the Guard.

There was discussion of the length of deployments and who would qualify for the bonuses and what the max is that they could receive for multiple tours of duty. They discussed the details of the life insurance available to the military.

Senator Horne asked whether there was an ending date on this amendment.

Colonel Thiele said that it is going from biennium to biennium. This will carry them through 2009 and they will come back with another request in two years especially if the current conflict in Iraq is not resolved.

Colonel Thiele explained that the hoghouse amendment attempts to add the active component in the non combat environment to receive the \$50.00 per month after 9/11/2001.

Senator Dever asked if they would have to receive an Expeditionary Medal to get the bonus.

Colonel Thiele said they would not have to receive an Expeditionary Medal, they would get it just for having been in during that time.

There was discussion about exactly who would get paid this bonus, what status would you have to have to be eligible.

Bob Hanson remarked that the army in Vietnam was not a volunteer army. The military that served 7 years or more were not entitled to any bonus. If there is a concern about the active component being included he suggested they be excluded. If you do that then some people

wouldn't get the combat bonus either. He doesn't feel we should differentiate between active and reserve.

Senator Dever mentioned that the service of every veteran is greatly appreciated and wanted to make sure that has been expressed by this committee to those who have been representing veterans groups.

Senator Marcellais made a motion to pass SB 2191 as amended and rerefer it to appropriations.

The motion was seconded by Senator Oehlke.

Senator Horne remarked that he didn't feel qualified to be voting on this. He is not a veteran and doesn't know the feelings that go with service to your country and being deployed.

Senator Dever said he can appreciate the angst and assured Senator Horne he would respect him either way.

Senator Lee said she shared the same struggles in addition to the fact that she would like to see the fiscal note and doesn't like to leave that to appropriations. She agreed with what had previously been said.

Senator Dever said he voted no to demonstrate the anguish of the committee .... (I couldn't hear the recording.)

Roll Call Vote: Yes 5 No 1 Absent 0

Carrier: Marcellais

**FISCAL NOTE**  
**Requested by Legislative Council**  
02/15/2007

Amendment to: Engrossed  
SB 2191

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 |
| <b>Revenues</b>       |                    |             |                    |             |                    |             |
| <b>Expenditures</b>   |                    |             | \$250,000          |             |                    |             |
| <b>Appropriations</b> |                    |             | \$250,000          |             |                    |             |

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 |
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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).*

The engrossed bill will provides \$250,000 from the general fund to the Adjutant General for matching grants for the maintenance and repair of political subdivision-owned armories and a related report to the Budget Section.

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.*

none

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.*

\$250,000 for matching grants for the maintenance and repair of political subdivision-owned armories.

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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| <b>Name:</b>         | LTC Dave Thiele | <b>Agency:</b>        | Office of the Adjutant General |
| <b>Phone Number:</b> | 333-2009        | <b>Date Prepared:</b> | 02/15/2007                     |

# FISCAL NOTE

Requested by Legislative Council

02/05/2007

Amendment to: SB 2191

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 |
| <b>Revenues</b>       |                    |             |                    |             |                    |             |
| <b>Expenditures</b>   |                    |             | \$4,300,000        |             |                    |             |
| <b>Appropriations</b> |                    |             | \$4,300,000        |             |                    |             |

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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| Counties           | Cities | School Districts | Counties           | Cities | School Districts | Counties           | Cities | School Districts |
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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).*

The engrossed bill will limit the expansion of the veteran's bonus program for active component stateside service (non-combat zone) to that occurring after September 11, 2001. Each resident service member would be eligible for \$50 per month up to \$900.

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.*

none

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.*

\$50 per month with a cap of \$900 for any active duty service outside theater of operations since 9/11/2001.

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 cost from 2001 forward will be 420 to 500 (total service members from North Dakota who join the military each year) X \$900 per year or \$378,000 to \$450,000 per year. At 8 years (2001 through 2009) funding necessary will be \$3.02 mil to \$3.6 mil. What is unknown is how many will qualify that joined prior to 9.11 and remained on active duty after 9.11. Best estimate is another 3 years, which is the normal minimum enlistment period. This will add \$1.1 mil to \$1.35 mil to the total. The amendment as drafted will not allow a service member to become a resident after initial enlistment to qualify for the program.

As proposed, the necessary general fund appropriation is \$4.3 mil to \$4.95 mil.

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| <b>Name:</b> LTC Dave Thiele  | <b>Agency:</b> Office of the Adjutant General |
| <b>Phone Number:</b> 333-2009 | <b>Date Prepared:</b> 02/08/2007              |



**FISCAL NOTE**  
 Requested by Legislative Council  
 01/16/2007

Bill/Resolution No.: SB 2191

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   |                    |             | \$7,000,000        |             |                    |             |
| Appropriations |                    |             | \$7,000,000        |             |                    |             |

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).*

Adds resident active duty service outside theater of operations (combat zone) to bonus program. \$50 per month with cap of \$900.

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.*

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Information from US Army, Military Entrance Processing Station (MEPS) Fargo and NDNG indicate between 420 and 500+ active duty per year from North Dakota. Retroactive to Dec 1992 and payable through 2009 with passage of SB 2115. 420 and 500 x 17 years x \$900 = 6.426 million and 7.65 million respectively. Based on history of program 7.0 million should be adequate to cover claims. There are slightly more than 7,000 Air Force personnel assigned to Grand Forks and Minot AFBs. It is reasonable that a certain number (unknown) will declare ND residency to take advantage of the program. This could increase the cost of the program.

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| <b>Name:</b>         | LTC Dave Thiele | <b>Agency:</b>        | Office of the Adjutant General |
| <b>Phone Number:</b> | 333-2009        | <b>Date Prepared:</b> | 01/25/2007                     |

*Attach #1*

PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO SENATE BILLS 2191

Page 1, Line 1, after "A BILL" replace the remainder of the bill with "for an act to amend and reenact section 37-28-03 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to the payment of military adjusted compensation.

**BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF NORTH DAKOTA**

**SECTION 1. AMENDMENT.** Section 37-28-03 of the North Dakota Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

**37-28-03. Payment of adjusted compensation for domestic and foreign service.** Each national guard or reserve component resident veteran mobilized stateside is entitled to fifty dollars for each month or major fraction thereof for domestic service not to exceed \$900.00. Each active component veteran who is a resident of North Dakota, and was a resident of the state of North Dakota at the time of initial enlistment into the armed forces, is entitled to fifty dollars for each month or major fraction thereof, for stateside service since September 11, 2001, not to exceed \$900. Each national guard, reserve, or active component resident veteran of foreign service who received the expeditionary medal or campaign badge is entitled to one hundred dollars for each month or major fraction thereof not to exceed \$1,800.00 Combined totals for stateside and foreign service may not exceed \$1,800. If the veteran received a purple heart for foreign service, the veteran is entitled to a payment of two thousand five hundred dollars in lieu of monthly payments for adjusted compensation. If the veteran is deceased, the veteran's beneficiary is entitled to any payments under this chapter to which the veteran would have been entitled. Applications for adjusted compensation may be filed with the adjutant general through June 30, ~~2007~~ 2009 or in the case of a soldier mobilized on June 30, ~~2007~~ 2009 not later than six months after the end of the mobilization period of service.

February 2, 2007

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Renumber accordingly

Date : 2-1-07  
Roll Call Vote # : 1

2007 SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE ROLL CALL VOTES  
BILL/RESOLUTION NO. 219/amendment

Senate Government and Veterans Affairs Committee

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Legislative Council Amendment Number \_\_\_\_\_

Action Taken amendment

Motion Made By Oehlke Seconded By Marcellais

| Senators                      | Yes | No | Senators                   | Yes | No |
|-------------------------------|-----|----|----------------------------|-----|----|
| Senator Dick Dever - Chairman | ✓   |    | Senator Robert Horne       | ✓   |    |
|                               |     |    |                            |     |    |
| Senator Dave Oehlke - VC      | ✓   |    | Senator Richard Marcellais | ✓   |    |
|                               |     |    |                            |     |    |
| Senator Judy Lee              | ✓   |    | Senator Carolyn Nelson     | ✓   |    |
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Total (Yes) 6 No 0

Absent 0

Floor Assignment \_\_\_\_\_

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

*hoghouse amendment*

Date : 2-2-07  
Roll Call Vote # : 1

2007 SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE ROLL CALL VOTES  
BILL/RESOLUTION NO. 2191

Senate Government and Veterans Affairs Committee

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Legislative Council Amendment Number \_\_\_\_\_

Action Taken

do pass <sup>as amended</sup> and re refer to appropriations

Motion Made By

Marcellais

Seconded By

Oehlke

| Senators                      | Yes | No | Senators                   | Yes | No |
|-------------------------------|-----|----|----------------------------|-----|----|
| Senator Dick Dever - Chairman |     | ✓  | Senator Robert Horne       | ✓   |    |
| Senator Dave Oehlke - VC      | ✓   |    | Senator Richard Marcellais | ✓   |    |
| Senator Judy Lee              | ✓   |    | Senator Carolyn Nelson     | ✓   |    |
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Total (Yes) 5 No 1

Absent 0

Floor Assignment Marcellais

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

**REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE**

**SB 2191: Government and Veterans Affairs Committee (Sen. Dever, Chairman)** recommends **AMENDMENTS AS FOLLOWS** and when so amended, recommends **DO PASS** and **BE REREFERRED** to the **Appropriations Committee (5 YEAS, 1 NAY, 0 ABSENT AND NOT VOTING)**. SB 2191 was placed on the Sixth order on the calendar.

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**BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF NORTH DAKOTA:**

**SECTION 1. AMENDMENT.** Section 37-28-03 of the North Dakota Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

**37-28-03. Payment of adjusted compensation for domestic and foreign service.** Each national guard or reserve component resident veteran mobilized stateside is entitled to fifty dollars for each month or major fraction thereof for domestic service, not to exceed nine hundred dollars. Each active component veteran who is a resident of North Dakota, and who was a resident of North Dakota at the time of initial enlistment into the armed forces, is entitled to fifty dollars for each month or major fraction of a month for stateside service since September 11, 2001, not to exceed nine hundred dollars. Each national guard, reserve, or active component resident veteran of foreign service who received the expeditionary medal or campaign badge is entitled to one hundred dollars for each month or major fraction thereof, not to exceed one thousand eight hundred dollars. Combined totals for stateside and foreign service may not exceed one thousand eight hundred dollars. If the veteran received a purple heart for foreign service, the veteran is entitled to a payment of two thousand five hundred dollars in lieu of monthly payments for adjusted compensation. If the veteran is deceased, the veteran's beneficiary is entitled to any payments under this chapter to which the veteran would have been entitled. Applications for adjusted compensation may be filed with the adjutant general through June 30, ~~2007~~ 2009, or in the case of a soldier mobilized on June 30, ~~2007~~ 2009, not later than six months after the end of the mobilization period of service."

Renumber accordingly

2007 SENATE APPROPRIATIONS

SB 2191

## 2007 SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE MINUTES

Bill/Resolution No. 2191

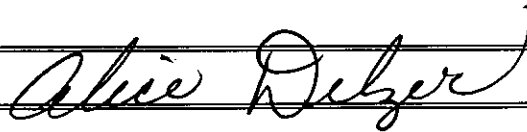
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Minutes:

**Chairman Holmberg** opened the hearing on SB 2191 on February 8, 2007 relating to the payment of military adjustment compensation.

**Senator Dever, District 32, Bismarck** introduced the SB 2191. He made comments addressing SB 2115 as well. Referred to the Vet Bonus Program and the benefits Veterans or service people receive.

**Joe Morrissette, OMB** gave information regarding the federal government involvement and explained the dollar amount in both SB 2115 and SB 2191. He also talked about the out of state residents who are members of our National Guard or Reserves.

Questions were asked concerning out of state vets, if the Veteran's Organizations support of this bill, does this bill only apply to active duty since 911, questions concerning the National Guard involvement, bonus programs, and the appropriations requested for this bill.

**Chairman Holmberg** requested the Subcommittee, which consists of **Senator Grindberg, Chairman, Senators Wardner and Lindaas, as they are the Subcommittee members of SB 2016** to look into this bill further.

The hearing on SB 2191 was closed.