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2007 SENATE APPROPRIATIONS

SB 2341

2007 SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE MINUTES

Bill/Resolution No. 2341

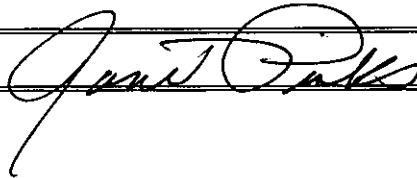
Senate Appropriations Committee

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Hearing Date: 01/24/07

Recorder Job Number: 1764

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Minutes:

Chairman Holmberg opened the hearing for SB 2341 with roll call.

Senator John Andrist, District 2, Crosby, presented written testimony (1) and discussed the importance of SB 2341.

Representative Robert Horne, District 3, Minot, presented written testimony (2) in support of SB 2341 stressing the importance of the Heritage Center to North Dakota.

Governor Arthur A. Link, presented written testimony (3) testifying in support of SB 2341 identifying how important the Heritage Center is to North Dakota and how committee he is toward this project.

Merl Paaverud, Director, State Historical Society of North Dakota, presented written testimony (4) and testified on the expansion project of the ND Heritage Center Museum. He described the project and discussed the budget overview. In addition a brochure Plains Talk (6) and This Legendary Place, North Dakota, were distributed.

Senator Wardner has how much the museum has been able to raise for the project. The response was that some of the fund raisers would be talking.

Marvin Kaiser, President, State Historical Board, State Historical Society of ND, Williston, presented written testimony (5) urging support of SB 2341.

Representative Ole Aarsvold, District 20, Blanchard, testified in support of SB 2341

indicating now is the opportune time to support this bill as construction costs are going nowhere but up.

Governor George Sinner presented written testimony (8) for Virginia Nelson to read in support of SB 2341.

Virginia Nelson, Executive Director, State Historical Society of ND Foundation, presented written testimony (9) in support of SB 2341 indicating how all five former governor's are in support of the Historical Society projects. She presented a past history of the projects and the necessary expansion projects and today's needs.

Cordell Dick, Cordell Dick Consulting, presented written testimony (10) testifying in support of SB 2341 indicating he works with Foundation on the planning and fund raising campaign, author of the feasibility study and directly with contributor prospects.

Senator Grindberg asked if the plan for the campaign will be done in 2008 and if he would expand on the commitment. The response was the fundraising would continue on and the contributions are a five year commitment broken into yearly increments.

Michael Gustafson, Kindred, presented written testimony (11) testifying in support of SB 2341. He discussed his involvement with the Heritage Center, the importance of this expansion project and the importance of the Heritage Center to North Dakota.

Senator Holmberg closed the hearing on SB 2341.

The subcommittee will include Senators Grindberg, Krebsback, and Seymour.

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Bill/Resolution No. 2341

Senate Appropriations Committee

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Hearing Date: 02-08-07

Recorder Job Number: 3228

Committee Clerk Signature

Alice Delzer

Minutes:

Chairman Holmberg opened the hearing on SB 2341 On February 8, 2007 regarding Heritage Center Expansion.

Senator Grindberg presented the proposed amendment and explained the amendment to the committee.

Senator Seymour had questions regarding the federal dollar amount and fund raising issue.

Senator Robinson inquired about fund raising and the language usage as a trigger mechanism.

Senator Holmberg commented about the last session and their involvement regarding this project. He stated there was hope that the construction would be further along by this time.

Joe Morrsette OMB gave information regarding the governor's budget concerning this bill.

Senator Grindberg moved to pass the amendment. Senator Wardner seconded. Motion carried.

Senator Grindberg moved a DO PASS AS AMENDED, seconded by Senator Krebsbach.

A roll call vote was taken resulting in 12 yeas, 0 nays, 2 absent. The motion carried.

Senator Grindberg will carry the bill.

The hearing on SB 2341 closed.

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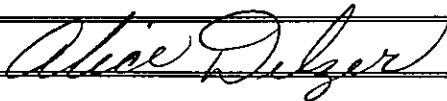
Senate Appropriations Committee

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Hearing Date: 02-13-07

Recorder Job Number: 3463

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Minutes:

Chairman Holmberg opened the hearing on SB 2341.

Senator Grindberg stated amendments are coming down. I felt we needed to look this bill over as a group. Some of the discussion involved the Heritage expansion.

Chairman Holmberg had questions regarding the language in the bill. There was no more discussion. The discussion of SB 2341 closed.

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Bill/Resolution No. 2341

Senate Appropriations Committee

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Hearing Date: 02-14-07

Recorder Job Number: 3485

Committee Clerk Signature

Alice Delzer

Minutes:

Chairman Holmberg opened the hearing on SB 2341 in reference to the Heritage Center at 9:15 am on February 14, 2007. This bill had been passed out on 02-08-07 as amended and referred back to the Committee as Senator Grindberg had new amendments drafted up.

Senator Grindberg presented Amendment and made the motion to accept the amendment. Senator Krebsbach seconded. Amendment passed.

Senator Grindberg moved a DO PASS AS AMENDED, Senator Christmann seconded. A roll call was taken resulting in 14 yeas, 0 nays, 0 absent. The motion carried. Senator Grindberg will carry the bill.

The hearing on SB 2341 closed.

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PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO SENATE BILL NO. 2341

Page 1, line 1, after "A BILL" replace the remainder of the bill with "for an Act to provide a statement of legislative intent.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF NORTH DAKOTA:

SECTION 1. LEGISLATIVE INTENT - FUTURE FUNDING FOR HERITAGE CENTER EXPANSION. It is the intent of the legislative assembly that the office of management and budget favorably consider providing funding to the state historical society for the heritage center expansion project in the 2009-11 executive budget recommendation if the state historical society is able to demonstrate progress toward fundraising goals and federal funding is secured for the project. The sixty-first legislative assembly shall favorably consider appropriating funding to the state historical society for the heritage center expansion project if the state historical society is able to demonstrate progress toward fundraising goals and federal funding is secured for the project."

Renumber accordingly

Date: 2/8/07
Roll Call Vote #:

2007 SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE ROLL CALL VOTES
BILL/RESOLUTION NO. 2341

Senate Appropriations Committee

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Legislative Council Amendment Number 20846.0102 Title # .200

Action Taken Amendments

Motion Made By Grunberg Seconded By Wardner

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) ~~0~~ 1 No 1

Absent _____

Floor Assignment _____

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

Date: 2/8/07
Roll Call Vote #:

2007 SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE ROLL CALL VOTES
BILL/RESOLUTION NO. 2341

Senate Appropriations Committee

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Legislative Council Amendment Number _____

Action Taken cle pass as amendmend.

Motion Made By Grindberg Seconded By Krebsbach

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) 12 No _____

Absent 2

Floor Assignment Sen Grindberg

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

REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE

SB 2341: Appropriations Committee (Sen. Holmberg, Chairman) recommends AMENDMENTS AS FOLLOWS and when so amended, recommends DO PASS (12 YEAS, 0 NAYS, 2 ABSENT AND NOT VOTING). SB 2341 was placed on the Sixth order on the calendar.

Page 1, line 1, after "A BILL" replace the remainder of the bill with "for an Act to provide a statement of legislative intent.

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Renumber accordingly

PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO SENATE BILL NO. 2341

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SECTION 2. HERITAGE CENTER EXPANSION - LEGISLATIVE SUPPORT. The sixtieth legislative assembly supports the efforts of the state historical society in fundraising and securing federal funding for the heritage center expansion during the 2007-09 biennium.

SECTION 3. LEGISLATIVE PARTICIPATION - BUDGET SECTION REPORTS. The chairman of the legislative council may appoint up to four legislators to a North Dakota heritage center planning and fundraising committee formed to assist in securing federal and private funding. The committee shall provide information to the budget section on the status of the project's planning and fundraising at budget section meetings in the fall of 2007 and 2008."

Renumber accordingly

PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO ENGROSSED SENATE BILL NO. 2341

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Renumber accordingly

Date: 2/14/07
Roll Call Vote #: 1

2007 SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE ROLL CALL VOTES
BILL/RESOLUTION NO. 2341

Senate Appropriations Committee

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Legislative Council Amendment Number 20846.020 #1

Action Taken do pass Amendment

Motion Made By Grindberg Seconded By Krebsbach

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) 1 No _____

Absent _____

Floor Assignment _____

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

Date: 2/14/07
Roll Call Vote #: 1

2007 SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE ROLL CALL VOTES
BILL/RESOLUTION NO. 2341

Senate Appropriations Committee

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Legislative Council Amendment Number _____

Action Taken Do pass as amended

Motion Made By G. Grindberg Seconded By Christmann

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 0

Absent 0

Floor Assignment Grindberg

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

REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE

SB 2341, as engrossed: 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). Engrossed SB 2341 was placed on the Sixth order on the calendar.

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Renumber accordingly

2007 HOUSE APPROPRIATIONS

SB 2341

2007 HOUSE STANDING COMMITTEE MINUTES

Bill/Resolution No. SB 2341

House Appropriations Committee

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Hearing Date: February 26, 2007

Recorder Job Number: 3817

Committee Clerk Signature

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Minutes:

Chm. Svedjan opened the hearing on SB 2341.

Sen. John Andrist provided testimony in support of SB 2341 (Attachment A).

Chm. Svedjan: You indicate that this as non-binding. I don't read it that way.

Sen. Andrist: Perhaps it is binding. I was gone the last day it was passed and I ran through it quickly. It appeared to be non-binding, but I may be mistaken.

Chm. Svedjan: The way I read it, it would bind OMB to include it in the budget request for 09-11, but it would also bind the next legislature – which is a concern.

Sen. Andrist: My apologies. If that would be true I would like it even better. When we are in such a successful budget position, this would be an ideal time to put our stamp of approval on this vision.

Sen. Robert Horne spoke in support of SB 2341 (Attachment B).

Rep. Aarsvold: I am a cosponsor of SB 2341. It is a worthwhile project. Now is the time to act.

Merl Paavarud, Director, State Historical Society of North Dakota, spoke in support of SB 2341 (Attachment C). Mr. Paavarud also distributed testimony from Marvin Kaiser, President,

State Historical Board, State Historical Society of North Dakota (Attachment D) and a booklet, "Expansion of the North Dakota Heritage Center" (Attachment E).

Chm. Svedjan: I think you're aware that we're not able to bind future legislatures. I would be interested to know your feelings as it relates to how SB 2341 is written at this time (Ref. 10:40).

Mr. Paavarud: The intent was to send a message to the fundraisers that the state has interest if we can show the fundraising prowess that we are looking forward to. That the state is interested in seeing this and depending on how it comes back to the state, and then there will be decisions made after that. I don't think it was the intent to bind anybody. If that is a concern, then it should be discussed.

Chm. Svedjan: Line 5 of the bill says "it is the intent of the legislative assembly that the office of management and budget favorably consider..." and "The sixty-first legislative assembly shall favorably consider appropriating funding..."

Mr. Paavarud: I hope they would, but I see that directly tied to what the fundraising success would be.

Rep. Carlisle: I agree. I am wondering why you even need this bill. The advocates are going to be there anyway.

Mr. Paavarud: The advantage would be to have first-hand information going to the legislature as this develops.

Rep. Carlson: Mr. Chairman, do we need to give authorization for fundraising?

Chm. Svedjan: Typically there is language placed in the bill that provides for the acceptance of gifts, grants and other things. This bill is a little different than that.

Rep. Carlson: Does this bill just give them the authority to raise money?

Chm. Svedjan: My understanding is that you are looking for more than the authority to raise money. You want this bill to help you raise more money because you could tell your prospects that the state is behind it.

Mr. Paavarud: The message would be that the state is interested in this.

Rep. Carlson: Would it not make sense then to put in some benchmarks? What number represents "demonstrating progress?" "Demonstrating progress" could mean \$5. It could mean \$25 million. I don't know. I also have trouble with the "shall favorably consider" language.

Rep. Carlisle proposed adding language to the bill to alleviate some issues (Ref. 16:43).

Chm. Svedjan: We will take testimony, but we have a real issue with the language of bill.

Rep. Skarphol: Is your foundation a 501(c)(3)? (Ref. 17:40)

Mr. Paavarud: Yes.

Rep. Skarphol: So the contributions to the foundation are tax-deductible.

Mr. Paavarud: Yes.

Rep. Skarphol: Is there a required level of dollars that needs to be available to get a federal match?

Mr. Paavarud: Not yet. We have asked for federal support, but there is no connection.

Rep. Skarphol: Is there anything in law to prevent you from doing exactly what you want to do – solicit funds and create a fund to expand the heritage center without this piece of legislation?

Mr. Paavarud: I don't think so.

Rep. Glassheim: What kind of federal money are you talking about and what is the source? When do you expect construction to begin?

Mr. Paavarud: Hoping for \$12 million in federal money from various entities. We would proceed with a goal of raising a similar amount from private sources. The hope is to have the funds in two years.

Rep. Glassheim: It's not likely you could start construction for another three or four years?
When?

Mr. Paavarud: We are thinking two years at the earliest.

Rep. Williams: Lines 6 and 9 of the bill, the word "favorably" slants toward passing in the next legislative session in some minds. Would it make a difference to the Committee if we dropped "favorably" and used "consider?"

Chm. Svedjan: My bottom line concern is that the bill as it is written obligates the next legislative session.

Arthur A. Link, Former Governor, State of North Dakota, spoke in support of SB 2341 (Attachment F).

Virginia A. Nelsen, Executive Director, State Historical Society of North Dakota Foundation, spoke in support of SB 2341 (Attachment G). Mr. Nelsen also distributed written testimony in support of the bill from other Foundation members including Former Governor George Sinner (Attachment H), Enoch Thorsgard (Attachment I), and Michael Gustafson (Attachment J).

Cordell Dick, Cordell Dick Consulting testified in support of SB 2341 (Attachment K). Mr. Dick explained that many private sector commitments are contingent upon state support.

Rep. Carlson: What is your total fundraising goal? (Ref. 39:38)

Mr. Dick: The goal is \$12 million federal, \$12 million from the private sector, and \$30.7 million from the state.

Rep. Carlson: What is the timeframe for donations?

Mr. Dick: We are asking for a five-year commitment starting in 2007.

Rep. Carlson: Your assumption would be then, if you have it on a five-year plan, the state would bond for that amount of money then your contributions would be used to pay down those bonds?

Mr. Dick: I'm not sure how the money from the state or private sector would be used whether for bond payments or initial payments – that would have to be worked out based on timing.

Rep. Carlson: The building will have to be paid for if it's started.

Chm. Svedjan: Sen. Andrist's testimony indicates that given the reserves that the state has going into this session, that it might be paid in cash. But the bill as it stands now has no appropriation in it.

Rep. Skarphol: I suspect that most of the people involved in this project are doing so on a volunteer basis? Are you operating on a volunteer basis?

Mr. Dick: No. I'm hired by the Foundation.

Rep. Skarphol: That being said, if the state were to appropriate money, would you get a percentage of that money appropriated?

Mr. Dick: I'm being paid by the Foundation. As I understand it, the money would come from the private fundraising sector, but how that specifically happens I guess that's up to the Foundation to decide.

Rep. Skarphol: Are you on a contingency basis?

Mr. Dick: I am paid on an hourly basis.

Don Walz distributed testimony in support of SB 2341 (Attachment L).

Chm. Svedjan: We will not take final action on this bill today. I will assign it to one of our sections to get it to a point that alleviates our concerns and still provides something close to what you are looking for.

Testimony from William Schott was distributed (Attachment M).

Chm. Svedjan assigned SB 2341 to Government Operations and closed the hearing.

2007 HOUSE STANDING COMMITTEE MINUTES

Bill/Resolution No. 2341

House Appropriations Committee
Government Operations Division

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Hearing Date: 3/5/07

Recorder Job Number: 4303

Committee Clerk Signature *Kanya A. Voegelé*

Minutes:

Chairman Carlson opened the hearing on Senate Bill 2341.

Senator Andrist spoke in support of the bill.

Chairman Carlson: Are we working off of the second engrossment?

Senator Andrist: Yes.

Chairman Carlson: Can we get a break down of the money expected to be raised by the private sector?

Senator Andrist: The plan is to raise \$24million from the private and federal sources.

Chairman Carlson: The total cost is \$54.7 million?

Senator Andrist: Correct.

Representative Glasheim: What was the Senate's feel for this?

Senator Andrist: At first they thought we should wait two years and see how the fundraising goes. Some of us wanted a stronger commitment because as I said having some kind of commitment from the state would assist in the private fundraising. I think that the Senate Appropriations Committee felt that it was a strong sense in the Senate that they had to do

more so they called the bill back and worked on it further to put some kind of language in and this is what they came up with.

Chairman Carlson: How do we address the language?

Senator Andrist: I would address the language so we can save the out of state corporations that will buy in to this by saying that the state will be a part of this too. At the same time not iron clad binding the state.

Chairman Carlson: How about if it said that if you raise "x" amount of dollars we will pledge "x" amount of dollars?

Senator Andrist: We would welcome that.

Representative Williams: If you remember from the Full Committee when we had this hearing. The money is basically gone from the bill. In amendment three, what they are basically looking for is some type of commitment, however innocent, so that they can use it in their fundraising. I want to come back to it. If you take a look at line nine of the bill. It says "The sixty-first legislative assembly shall favorably consider appropriating". There will be a bill next time. The thing that skews it is that word favorably. I think they would have basically what they want out of this amended bill if we removed the word favorably. Because I know there is some kind of need because it will be considered next time. There will be a bill coming forward next session. I think if the word is removed we will be in pretty good shape on that.

Senator Andrist: Speaking for myself, beggars can't be choosers. I think it does, however, weaken our position.

Chairman Carlson: Sheila, did they submit the request for the \$30million to the Governor?

Sheila Peterson: Yes.

Chairman Carlson: Why was it not included?

Sheila Peterson: The Governor's position was that some of the fundraising should be done first and also there has not been any contact with the federal level or any commitments from the federal money.

Chairman Carlson: What would have been OMB's reaction if this bill would have said if they raise "x" amount of dollars from the private sector and if they get so much money in federal commitments that the Governor will include it in his next budget?

Senator Andrist: The Governor was very supportive; he just thought they needed the two years to do the fundraising. I don't think any of us were quite aware of the importance of the state commitment of the private fundraising. I think that if the Governor would have known this there would have been some kind of language in the executive budget.

Gerald Skogley spoke in support of the bill. See testimony 2341. 35.07 A

Chairman Carlson: What do you mean by trigger? Tell me how you envision a trigger mechanism to work.

Gerald Skogley: If they raise \$1million the state would match \$3million.

Chairman Carlson: At what point in time do you assume the state would match it?

Gerald Skogley: I think that the state could match it biennium by biennium.

Chairman Carlson: Like Senator Andrist said there is one way we could do it and that is by bond. Then we will have to make the bond payments so you could look at bonding.

Merl Paaverud, Director of the State Historical Society, spoke in support of the bill.

Chairman Carlson: Who has covered the costs for the planning so far?

Merl Paaverud: We received \$50,000 from the state last biennium for concept costs.

