

2017 HOUSE GOVERNMENT AND VETERANS AFFAIRS

HB 1203

2019 HOUSE STANDING COMMITTEE MINUTES

Government and Veterans Affairs Committee Fort Union Room, State Capitol

HB 1203
2/1/2019
32013

- Subcommittee
 Conference Committee

Committee Clerk Signature Carmen Hart

Explanation or reason for introduction of bill/resolution:

Relating to response and recovery costs of disasters or emergencies

Minutes:

Chairman Kasper opened the hearing on HB 1203.

Rep. Jeff Delzer appeared in support. This bill makes a small change to the workings of the emergency commission. When there is a federal disaster, we have to borrow from the Bank of North Dakota until the next year to cover the costs. We had a situation two years ago where the agriculture department wanted to do a hay transfer loan, and there was some consternation about it. The \$1.5 million really did not fit under the normal disaster situations. This bill changes some of the language so that the governor may apply, and the emergency commission may grant the amount up to or equal to the amount that the governor asks for. It essentially allows the emergency commission to have the opportunity to say no if they decided they wanted to. Currently when you read it, you really don't have the opportunity to say no. It says it shall be done.

Rep. Schauer: Why would the emergency commission want that power to say no?

Rep. Delzer: If it is a presidential declared disaster less than \$100 million, FEMA will cover 75%, the state covers 10, and the locals, 15. This was a case where it was a drought, and they wanted to pay part of trucking for hay. When you offer help, you give it to the rancher or farmer, but if it is either for trucking or for the cost of feed, the price of the feed or the trucking goes up, so the farmer doesn't pick up that much. That would be one of the cases where the emergency commission might want to say no, because that was being decided by the ag commissioner and the governor. I can't imagine the emergency commission would ever say no to any federal disaster. We did not say no to the hay transfer either. Now we are looking at \$1.5 million we have to come up with to pay for that, because we borrowed the money. We will have to pay that back in the deficiency appropriation this year.

Rep. Laning: Is there a dollar limit to what the governor can do?

Rep. Delzer: I am not aware. The ones in 2009 and 2011 were well over \$100 million. When you get over \$100 million, the split is 90% FEMA, 4% state, and 6 local. In those cases we paid half of the local share as well.

Chairman Kasper closed the hearing.

Rep. Schauer made a motion for a DO PASS.

Rep. Vetter seconded the motion.

A roll call vote was taken. 13-0, 1 absent.

Rep. Schneider will carry the bill.

Date: 2-1-19
 Roll Call Vote #: 1

**2019 HOUSE STANDING COMMITTEE
 ROLL CALL VOTES
 BILL/RESOLUTION NO. 1203**

House Government and Veterans Affairs Committee

Subcommittee

Amendment LC# or Description: _____

- Recommendation: Adopt Amendment
 Do Pass Do Not Pass Without Committee Recommendation
 As Amended Rerefer to Appropriations
 Place on Consent Calendar
 Other Actions: Reconsider _____

Motion Made By Rep. Schauer Seconded By Rep. Vetter

Representatives	Yes	No	Representatives	Yes	No
Chairman Jim Kasper	X		Rep. Pamela Anderson	X	
Vice Chair Vicky Steiner	X		Rep. Mary Schneider	X	
Rep. Jeff Hoverson	A				
Rep. Craig Johnson	X				
Rep. Daniel Johnston	X				
Rep. Karen Karls	X				
Rep. Ben Koppelman	X				
Rep. Vernon Laning	X				
Rep. Scott Louser	X				
Rep. Karen Rohr	X				
Rep. Austen Schauer	X				
Rep. Steve Vetter	X				

Total (Yes) 13 No 0

Absent 1

Floor Assignment Rep. Schneider

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

REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE

HB 1203: Government and Veterans Affairs Committee (Rep. Kasper, Chairman)
recommends **DO PASS** (13 YEAS, 0 NAYS, 1 ABSENT AND NOT VOTING).
HB 1203 was placed on the Eleventh order on the calendar.

2019 SENATE GOVERNMENT AND VETERANS AFFAIRS

HB 1203

2019 SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE MINUTES

Government and Veterans Affairs Committee
Sheyenne River Room, State Capitol

HB1203
3/21/2019
#34070

- Subcommittee
 Conference Committee

Committee Clerk: Pam Dever

Explanation or reason for introduction of bill/resolution:

Relating to response & recovery costs of disasters or emergencies.

Minutes:

Chairman Davison called the hearing to order. Attendance was taken and all were present.

Chairman Davison: Open the hearing on HB1203.

Rep. Jeff Delzer, Dist. 8: This is a simple bill authority to 'may apply' to the emergency commission to grant funds. It also makes the emergency commission has the authority to amend or deny the request. Last interim we had the hay transport come up. OMB looked hard at the language was 'shall'. This makes it up to the governor to apply and up to the emergency commission to do it at a smaller amount or whatever. Not enough authority for anyone right now. (2.58)

Sen. Erin Oban: Did the governor ask for more funds during the hay thing and it was not what the ER commission want less or more?

Rep Delzer: It was a rather different request than they ever had before. I was concerned whether we should do it or not. If you give to one than others will want help, also. Sometimes entities will raise the cost, too. (3.51) The ER commission passed it exactly what was asked for. I don't see it being used much.

Chairman Davison: Any more support? Agencies? Against?

Sen. Meyer: I move a DO PASS. **Sen. Jay Elkin:** I second. Roll: **YES – 7, NO -0 -0-a.b. HB1203 PASSED. Sen. Jay Elkin will carry the bill. (6.10)**

REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE

HB 1203: Government and Veterans Affairs Committee (Sen. Davison, Chairman)
recommends **DO PASS** (7 YEAS, 0 NAYS, 0 ABSENT AND NOT VOTING).
HB 1203 was placed on the Fourteenth order on the calendar.