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Senate Appropriations Committee

☐ Conference Committee

Hearing Date : January 11, 2001

Tape Number	Side A	Side B	Meter #
#3		Aeronautics Comm	4.5-34.2
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Minutes:

Senator Nething opened the hearing for the Aeronautics Commission.

Gary Ness, North Dakota Aeronautics Commission, (testimony attached), gave an overview for their upcoming budget. The state aviation system is attractive to our state's economic growth. The system needs to continue enhancement with state of the art technology and fulfill the needs of the aviation community. The aging pilot population and declining populations in small communities is leading us to review the support available for certain types of airports and aviation facilities. Like roads, the Commission needs to continue to evaluate the repair, maintenance and improvement of the airport system. Federal funding is always critical. The changes in the way federal government does business will affect the airports on funding. The larger air carrier types have many income sources to base their plans. Our Agency's proposed budget on a line item basis is as follows: Salaries/wages $636,277, operating expenses $1,314,767, equipment $61,500, capital improvements $110,000, grants $13,005,000, total

budget of $15,127.544. There are four airport master plan studies that are planned at the four commercial service regional airports that the Commission will sponsor beginning February 1, 2001. (Edgeley, Glen Ullin-Hebron, Kindred-Davenport and Lakota.) We maintain two airport facilities in the state, they are the International Peace Garden Airport at Dunseith, ND and Garrison Dam Recreational Airpark located between Riverdale and Pick City. The capital improvement line item is for an airport expansion project at the International Peace Garden. The grants line item is an increase appropriation for using aircraft excise tax funds for airport grants. $550,000 general funds and $750,000 for air carrier airport construction grants. To assist the Commission in the programming of airport grant funds, the Capital Improvement Plans (CIP) are developed. Every four to five years we contract out for a pavement evaluation of all our airport's hard surfaces. The Federal Airport Block Grant program would allow the Commission to receive pass through funds from the federal government for airport projects should the federal government require the states to administer this program. The Federal Airport Improvement AIR-21 change the look of federal funding for the general aviation and commercial service airports. The aviation educational funds remains at $35,000. One program stimulated with these funds is the "WannaBee Program" which brings people to the introductory flight program since its start three years ago. This program targets people between the ages of 35 to 55 years of age. This age group has the better financial base to support a recreational avocation like aviation.

Senator Bowman: The fiscal notes with aircraft dealers is substantial, mainly dealers with ultra light association approved. Is this voted on?

Gary Ness: There is a hearing on this in Transportation Committee. The tax is a safe haven; all dealers bill and during the hearing there was no opposition or complaints.

Senator Heitkamp: Is it true a lot of pilots are not flying anymore? Is this where the WannaBee program came in?

Gary Ness: The WannaBee Program is in a downturn due to the cost factors.

Greg Haug, Manager Bismarck Airport: testified in support of this bill. He stated that the completion of projects from the Aeronautics Commission as well as help with federal funding was greatly appreciated and important. The AIR-21 program is very imperative to our airport and needs to be taken advantage of.

Joe Nelms, Jamestown Airport, (testimony attached), testified in support of the bill in order for good aviation. None of our projects would be possible without the help and the assistance of the Commission. Through innovative planning and cost share methods working with the Commission we have seen our airports introduce a pavement inspection method that is used state wide for pavement replacement planning. Airport management knows that with the Commission help is only phone call away. Also attached is testimony from the Airport Association of North Dakota in support of this budget..

Hearing was closed with no opposition. Tape 3, Side B, meter 34.2

January 23, 2001

Appropriations Committee reconvened by Senator Nething.

SB 2006-Aeronautics Commission. Do Pass motion by Senator Heitkamp, seconded by Senator Bowman. No discussion; roll call vote: 12 yes; 0 no; 2 absent. Senator Bowman accepted the floor assignment.

Tape #1, Side A, meter 0.0-23.4

Date: 1-23-01

Roll Call Vote #: 1

2001 SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE ROLL CALL VOTES
BILL/RESOLUTION NO. SB 2006

Senate Appropriations Committee

☐ Subcommittee on

or

☐ Conference Committee

Legislative Council Amendment Number

Action Taken Do Pass

Motion Made By Sen Heitkamp Seconded By Sen Bowman

Senators	Yes	No	Senators	Yes	No
Dave Nething, Chairman	✓				
Ken Solberg, Vice-Chairman	✓				
Randy A. Schobinger	✓				
Elroy N. Lindaas	✓				
Harvey Tallackson	✓				
Larry J. Robinson	✓				
Steven W. Tomac	✓				
Joel C. Heitkamp	✓				
Tony Grindberg					
Russell T. Thane	✓				
Ed Kringstad	✓				
Ray Holmberg					
Bill Bowman	✓				
John M. Andrist	✓				

Total Yes 12 No 0

Absent 2

Floor Assignment Senator Bowman

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

REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE

SB 2006: Appropriations Committee (Sen. Nething, Chairman) recommends **DO PASS** (12 YEAS, 0 NAYS, 2 ABSENT AND NOT VOTING). SB 2006 was placed on the Eleventh order on the calendar.

2001 HOUSE APPROPRIATIONS

SB 2006

2001 HOUSE STANDING COMMITTEE MINUTES

BILL/RESOLUTION NO. SB 2006

House Appropriations Committee
Government Operations Division

☐ Conference Committee

Hearing Date February 12, 2001

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Committee Clerk Signature Karen L Hall

Minutes:

The committee was called to order, and opened the hearing on SB 2006, the budget for the Aeronautics Commission.

Gary Ness, ND Aeronautics Commission Director: Had prepared written testimony handed out. He read from the written testimony. He also handed out a packet of papers title Informational Packet. This packet includes a section titled North Dakota Aviation Vision 2000. Gary Ness read the page of written presentation.

Rep. Skarphol: Looking at Exhibit A of the packet, are you able to finance wages, etc with federal dollars?

Gary Ness: The federal dollars are typically just grant funds, we get some money from dealing with administration grants. We finance all salaries and wages from special funds.

Rep. Skarphol: Discusses the possibility of upgrading the airport in Tioga. They could lengthen the runway and making it thicker. You said it would cost more that ¾ million dollars,

and 90% would be eligible for federal funding if there were sufficient flights in and out to warrant it. Has anything changed regarding that? If applying for funds in that regard, and we know we don't have sufficient funds, is that correct?

Gary Ness: Your airport is 75 feet wide. We would only have to lengthen it. The FAA would say you would have to put in a master plan type work, and it could be a little shorter than a master plan. There is 90-10 money available, and typically it needs 250 operations per year. If it is a real need to have that for economic reasons we could put a little more pressure on the FAA to make it work.

Rep. Carlisle: Looking at commercial sprayer numbers going down. Since we put in legislation a couple sessions ago requiring applicators having liability, have we weeded out some?

Gary Ness: Believes that the financial responsibility did that. What has shortened up the numbers there is that the airplanes have gotten much bigger and the aerial applicators have gotten smaller.

Rep. Koppelman: On Exhibit F it talks about percentages of totals in two places. Can you explain the differences between those two?

Gary Ness: Bismarck has a total area of 4.9 million square feet. In 1994 we had 27.2% below, back then. It has to do with minimum services level, and Bismarck has done a good job of bringing their minimum service level up.

Rep. Skarphol: On the federal fund category, you are having a very substantial increase in utilization of special funds. Is that going to result in a net draw down or do you anticipate in increased revenue stream?