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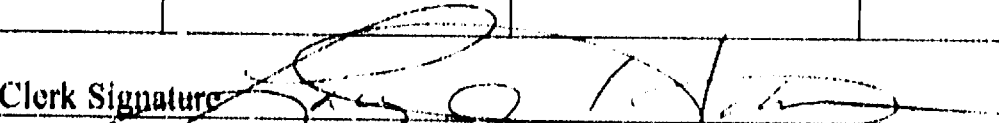
2001 SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE MINUTES

BILL/RESOLUTION NO. SB 2216

Senate Agriculture Committee

Conference Committee

Hearing Date January 26, 2001

Tape Number	Side A	Side B	Meter #
Jan 26 1	X		0.0 - 25.6
2	X		7.3 - 13.0
Committee Clerk Signature 			

Minutes:

SENATOR WANZEK; sponsored and introduced the bill.

This program is important to many producers and gained credibility. This bill extends the deadline for two more years.

SENATOR TOMAC; sponsor of this bill, testified in support of this bill.

JEFF KNUDSON; Administrator of the North Dakota Mediation Service, testified in support of this bill. See attached testimony.

SENATOR NICHOLS; When new states start this program does it affect the funds for other states?

JEFF KNUDSON; That has been a problem in the past and right now they are around 100%.

REPRESENTATIVE D. JOHNSON; sponsor, testified in support of this bill.

I see a need for a service like this with prices the way they are now.

KARL LIMVERE; Pastor, testified in support of this bill. See attached testimony.

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KENT DANIELSON; testified in support of this bill. Shared personal experience with committee.

CHRISTOPER DAWSON; testified in support of this bill. Also supports eliminating the sunset clause.

WOODY BARTH; Credit Review Board, testified in support of this bill. The Credit Review Board is also supportive of this bill.

RICHARD SCHLOSSER; ND Farmers Union, testified in support of this bill.

JOEL GILBERTSON; testified in support of this bill. This is an excellent program and should be continued.

CHARLES MC CAY; Farm Credit Services, testified in support of this bill. Support removal of sunset clause entirely.

BRIAN KRAMER, ND Farm Bureau, testified in support of this bill. Hope that the program will be continued.

The hearing was closed.

Discussion was held.

SENATOR KLEIN; I think we should remove the sunset clause or extend it for a longer period of time.

SENATOR KLEIN moved for a DO PASS on this bill.

SENATOR ERBELE seconded the motion.

Roll call vote: 6 Yeas, 0 No, 0 Absent and Not voting.

SENATOR WANZEK will carry the bill.

FISCAL NOTE

Requested by Legislative Council
02/02/2001

Bill/Resolution No.:

Amendment to: SB 2216

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.*

	1999-2001 Biennium		2001-2003 Biennium		2003-2005 Biennium	
	General Fund	Other Funds	General Fund	Other Funds	General Fund	Other Funds
Revenues	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$84,000	\$0	\$84,000
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Appropriations	\$0	\$0	\$178,233	\$897,575	\$178,233	\$897,575

1B. County, city, and school district fiscal effect: *Identify the fiscal effect on the appropriate political subdivision.*

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2. Narrative: *Identify the aspects of the measure which cause fiscal impact and include any comments relevant to your analysis.*

This bill would continue the Agricultural Mediation Service, which provides negotiation and mediation services to resolve problems between farmers/ranchers and lenders, agencies, and others.

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.*

Revenues are projected program user fee collections. Total user fees included in the executive budget are \$146,724, of which \$62,724 are estimated carryover into the '01-'03 biennium.

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 are for salaries, operating, and equipment expenses of the Agricultural Mediation Service. The number of affected FTE positions is 6.0.

C. Appropriations: *Explain the appropriation amounts. Provide detail, when appropriate, of the effect on the biennial appropriation for each agency and fund affected and any amounts included in the executive budget. Indicate the relationship between the amounts shown for expenditures and appropriations.*

The Agricultural Mediation Service is federally funded at a 70 percent reimbursable rate for allowable activities. General funds and user fees are needed to provide state matching funds for federal grant reimbursement and to fund limited activities that are not eligible for federal grant cost-sharing. The appropriation amounts included in the executive recommendation are:

General \$178,233

Federal \$750,851

Special (user fees, grants, etc.) \$146,724

Name:	Jeff Weispenning	Agency:	Agriculture Commissioner
Phone Number:	328-4758	Date Prepared:	02/02/2001

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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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Date: 1-26-01
Roll Call Vote #: 1

2001 SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE ROLL CALL VOTES
BILL/RESOLUTION NO. 2216

Senate Agriculture Committee

Subcommittee on _____
or
 Conference Committee

Legislative Council Amendment Number _____

Action Taken DO PASS - AMENDMENTS

Motion Made By SEN. NICHOLS Seconded By SEN. KUEHN

Senators	Yes	No	Senators	Yes	No
Senator Wanzek - Chairman	✓		Senator Kroeplin	✓	
Senator Erbele - Vice Chairman	✓		Senator Nichols	✓	
Senator Klein	✓				
Senator Urlacher	✓				

Total (Yes) 6 No 0

Absent 0

Floor Assignment SEN. NICHOLS

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

Date: 1-26-01
Roll Call Vote #: 2

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

Senate Agriculture Committee

- Subcommittee on _____
or
 Conference Committee

Legislative Council Amendment Number DO PASS AS AMENDED

Action Taken _____

Motion Made By SEN. KLEIN Seconded By SEN. ERBELE

Senators	Yes	No	Senators	Yes	No
Senator Wanzek - Chairman	✓		Senator Kroeplin	✓	
Senator Erbele - Vice Chairman	✓		Senator Nichols	✓	
Senator Klein	✓				
Senator Urlacher	✓				

Total (Yes) 6 No 0

Absent 0

Floor Assignment SEN. WANZEK

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

REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE (410)
January 30, 2001 8:12 a.m.

Module No: SR-16-1883
Carrier: Wanzek
Insert LC: 10568.0101 Title: .0200

REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE

SB 2216: Agriculture Committee (Sen. Wanzek, Chairman) recommends AMENDMENTS AS FOLLOWS and when so amended, recommends DO PASS and BE REREFERRED to the Appropriations Committee (6 YEAS, 0 NAYS, 0 ABSENT AND NOT VOTING). SB 2216 was placed on the Sixth order on the calendar.

Page 1, line 15, overstrike "until June 30," and remove "2003"

Renumber accordingly

2001 SENATE APPROPRIATIONS

SB 2216

2001 SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE MINUTES

BILL/RESOLUTION NO. SB 2216

Senate Appropriations Committee

Conference Committee

Hearing Date February 9, 2001

Tape Number	Side A	Side B	Meter #
I	X		15.9-38.5
Committee Clerk Signature <i>D. The [Signature]</i>			

Minutes:

Senator Solberg opened the hearing on SB 2216.

Senator Tomac, District #31, and co-sponsor of the bill gave a review of the appropriation. The Agriculture Commission was given a unanimous do pass with attached amendments. The program started in 1985 session. There has been a biennial review every session since that time. Many support this program and it is time to put this appropriation in permanently with an amendment in the Agriculture Department bill.

Senator Tallackson: I can't understand the current amendment?

Senator Tomac: Every two years there is a sunset and this has been since 1985; it has proven its value and it is time to remove the sunset.

Senator Andrist: In the Executive Budget it shows \$178,000; is the amount in the Ag Budget or separate?

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Allen Knudsen, Legislative Counsel: the appropriation is in the Ag Budget, \$1,075,808 total.

Most are Federal Funds, \$178,000 from General Funds.

Senator Tomac: This will be explained to you.

Tape #1, Side A, meter 19.9

Jeff Knudson, Agricultural Mediation Service, (testimony attached), proposed another amendment to declare an emergency which was taken out by Legislative Council and requests it be put back in.

Senator Solberg: Does this appropriation appear in the Ag Bill/Budget?

Jeff Knudson: Yes it does.

Senator Solberg: Then why is the appropriation/bill with this committee? Go on.

Senator Andrist: The chart on page 4, net loss wheat acres; is this mostly costs or just production gross receipts?

Jeff Knudson: Mostly costs.

Tape #1, Side A, meter 27.6

Charles McCay, Farm Credit Services, spoke in favor of the bill stating it is a very effective program; people are well trained and it is time to get rid of the sunset to keep good people there.

Kent Danielson: spoke in support of the bill and to remove the sunset; the Ag mediation has helped me and my family owned ranch. The services are very cost effective.

John Grunefelder, farmer/rancher, South Central North Dakota (testimony attached) spoke in support of the program.

Jack McDonald, representing Independent Community Banks, gave support to continue the program financing farm operations.

