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2001 SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE MINUTES

BILL/RESOLUTION NO. SCR4011

Senate Political Subdivisions Committee

Conference Committee

Hearing Date January 25, 2001

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Committee Clerk Signature <i>Mary Jo Wocken</i>			

Minutes:

SENATOR COOK opened the hearing on SCR4011, directing the legislative council to study the library system.

SENATOR COOK : spoke in favor of this bill. Technology is paving a new super highway in our world. Today we can pay our bills, pay our taxes, make investments, chat with a friend, take a high school course or college education course, or research an encyclopedia. The intent of SCR 4011, is to study and find the best way that the state of ND might use this technology to deliver quality library services to the people that we serve. This study would bring the people responsible for our libraries and our schools together with our state policy makers, to look for new and creative ways to deliver library services to the people of ND. I would urge a Do Pass on SCR 4011, but not as it really is. Senator Cook drafted one amendment that would improve the bill Page 1, Line 14. (See attached testimony) That study includes a review of the use of technology by libraries, the location of each library in the state and the cost of maintaining the

current level of library services. That is not really the intent of this resolution. I would move this amendment be adopted, Page 1 Line 15. SENATOR FLAKOLL: I know there has been some discussion with respect to libraries that seem similar in nature in relatively close proximity. Is this concurrent resolution to see how maybe those could best or better be served as far as some kind of synergy or is that part of what this will do? For guidance? SENATOR COOK : Yes, that is definitely part of it. This may have generated the thought in my mind, the town I live in has a county library and a city library one block apart from each other. There has been a lot of discussion among citizens of trying to build one new library that would better serve the community. It is interesting then also, the superintendent will sit down and ask whether they could be involved as they have library needs also. There is a benefit, I think for everybody sitting to the table and working together, being creative in finding ways that we may better deliver library services. Also, Senator Flakoll, if you look at what we're doing in the state with information technology, the wiring of all of our communities, I think this ties in with all of that. TOM JONES: Spoke in favor of this bill. Tom, the Director of the Veterans Memorial Library, serves the city of Bismarek, Burleigh County and with networking arrangements serves the cities of Mandan, Riverdale, Beulah, Hazen and New Salem. The library community generally welcomes the examination and discussion of some of the issues we've struggled with over the years. About 10 years ago, members of the legislature were split when some of pushed for multitype legislation and I think now its in the ND Century Code, referenced as the Regional Library Cooperative. One struggle we have is that financing is low, our per capita support for public libraries is far below the national norm. We welcome discussion of state aid at another time. One of the issues is the jurisdictional boundaries, as the academic libraries are under higher education in the state. Jamestown College as well as the University of Mary cooperate with the

city library. I think the legislature need to be cognant of the jurisdictional issues that come up and explore in depth and bring the parties together if this is going to be successful. Also, I think it is important that the State Library be included in this process, because the State Library receives a significant portion of ND state level funding. It is part of the overall network. I assume if we take this bill literally, with this resolution, we will do that. SENATOR WATNE: Tom, are you connected with the ODIN system? TOM JONES: No, we are not. We do link into it through our network, but we have not chosen to go with the ODIN system. We have a separate automation system, but they are all interconnected. SENATOR WATNE: What would be the charges to do so? TOM JONES: Well, it costs you to get into an automated system. We use a different vendor, than ODIN at this point in time, but we are interconnected. We would not at this point in time choose to go into it, and thats a technological issue, but we are linked. But for a library that's not into technology, then there is an initial cost to get into technology.

JOE LINNERTZ: Acting Director of the State Library, spoke neutral on SB4011. The legislature did study the library system as recently as the 95-97 interium. As a result of that study we came up with something called or the legislature passes legislation which came up with the Library Vision 2004. See pamphlet as attached testimony. SENATOR WATNE: Can you tell me, why the library for the blind was moved from SD to ND? JOE LINNERTZ: We payed South Dakota \$60,000; the state appropriated funding for us to go to South Dakota to pay for this service a number of years ago. It was decided that we could do it probably cheaper here so we have been doing that for a number of years. Circulation of books have gone up considerably.

SENATOR LEE: Mr. Linnertz, in looking through the recommendations, I was especially interested in Recommendation #8, which is facilitating the development of regional library services. I don't see any recommendations and objectives for Priority #8 in here? Why is that?

JOE LINNERTZ: There is legislation for regionalization of library services and at one time we did have funding available to begin some of those cooperative kinds of operations. We no longer have that money, and I don't recall the reference to the lack of Priorities to #8. The cooperatives if always a problem, especially agreement in funding. SENATOR LEE: My point is that the pamphlet ended with recommendations through #6, why isn't there something for #8? Oops, I see they don't always have a correlation. JOE LINNERTZ: I haven't looked at this pamphlet for some time, since the study was done. SENATOR COOK: Joe, are you aware of some of the statutuatorial authority that library boards have and does some of this authority that they have hinder efforts to regionalize, to come together? You mentioned protecting turf, is it more than just that? JOE LINNETZ: Well, this will be a personal opinion, and it is not well grounded in law here. I do not think the law hinders the coming together or that sort of thing, it ends up being a mater of cooperative agreement and I want to emphasize with a big asterisk that I am not a lawyer, and I don't want to interpret the law here. But, I think it comes down to mostly, that kind of fitting agreement particularly at the local level that we can do this thing.

SENATOR COOK: Closed the Hearing on SCR 4011.

SENATOR FLAKOLL moved on Senator Cooks: amendments,

SENATOR CHRISTENSON 2nd            8 Yea, 0 No 0 Absent

SENATOR FLAKOLL moved a Do Pass as amended. SENATOR WATNE- 2nd.

8 Yea, 0 No 0 Absent

Carrier: Senator Cook

PROPOSED CHANGE TO SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 4011

Page 1, Line 14 overstrike "cost of maintaining the current level of library services" and replace with "opportunity of improving library services through the use of technology"

Date: January 25, 2001  
Roll Call Vote #: 7

**2001 SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE ROLL CALL VOTES**  
**BILL/RESOLUTION NO. SCR 4011**

Senate Political Subdivisions Committee

Subcommittee on \_\_\_\_\_  
or  
 Conference Committee

Legislative Council Amendment Number 13017.0101

Action Taken Moved a 2/3 Pass on Sen. Cook's amendment

Motion Made By Sen. Flakoll Seconded By Senator Christenson

Senators	Yes	No	Senators	Yes	No
Senator Cook	✓		Senator Christenson	✓	
Senator Lyson	✓		Senator Mathem	✓	
Senator Flakoll	✓		Senator Polovitz	✓	
Senator Lee	✓				
Senator Watne	✓				

Total (Yes) 8 No 0

Absent 0

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

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





**REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE (410)**  
January 26, 2001 1:40 p.m.

**Module No: SR-14-1744**  
**Carrier: Cook**  
**Insert LC: 13017.0101 Title: .0200**

**REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE**

**SCR 4011: Political Subdivisions Committee (Sen. Cook, Chairman) recommends AMENDMENTS AS FOLLOWS** and when so amended, recommends **DO PASS** (8 YEAS, 0 NAYS, 0 ABSENT AND NOT VOTING). SCR 4011 was placed on the Sixth order on the calendar.

Page 1, line 14, replace "cost of maintaining the current level" with "opportunity for improving"

Page 1, line 15, remove "of" and after "services" insert "through the use of technology"

Renumber accordingly

2001 HOUSE POLITICAL SUBDIVISIONS

SCR 4011

2001 HOUSE STANDING COMMITTEE MINUTES

BILL/RESOLUTION NO. SCR4011

House Political Subdivisions Committee

Conference Committee

Hearing Date 3-15-01

Tape Number	Side A	Side B	Meter #
1		xx	955--1950
Committee Clerk Signature <i>Pam Lerner</i>			

Minutes: Chair Froseth opened the hearing on SCR4011 relating to a study of the library system in ND to determine the most efficient and effective methods for delivery of library services.

Sen. Dwight Cook, Dist 43, Mandan : testified in support of SCR4011. (SEE ATTACHED)

Rep. N. Johnson : When was the last time a library study was done?

Sen. Cook : 1995. The real intent here is too update technology. We have an opportunity here to take a look at this issue, and see how we can take some of the best library services we have in certain libraries in ND, and deliver this technology to all of our schools.

Joe Lenerts, State Librarian : neutral on the resolution. Here to give you information. We had an interim study in 1995. We had a task force developed that worked on a study called LIBRARY VISION 2004. I handed that out to each of you. A lot of what this resolution asks for is already in this booklet.

Rep. N. Johnson : In this study, does it talk about merging city/county libraries.

Joe : No. We talk about sharing resources.

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Rep. Eckre : Are you opposed to SCR4011?

Joe : No. We have done a lot of the work already. We don't need to invent the wheel.

Rep. Delmore : (1590) There is still lots of disagreement in technology and the various libraries in colleges, school, and universities. Don't you think having this study would make a better system?

Joe : I don't mean to imply that I think this would be a bad thing. We have built a lot of the infrastructure already. Some of our studies are ongoing.

Rep. Disrud : What would happen if we pass SB2245 and 4011?

Joe : I don't know that there is any relationship. We have a number of city/county combinations and a number of school/community combinations across the state, now. The communities have made this work.

Rep. Maragos : Where are the association of counties on this? Did they testify in the senate?

Sen.Cook, do you know.

Sen. Cook : I don't believe they testified.

Rep. Maragos : Mr. Chairman, I move a DO PASS.

Rep. Delmore : I second.

**VOTE: 14 YES and 0 NO with 1 absent. PASSED. Place on Consent Calendar.**

**Chairman will carry if needed.**

Date: 3-15-01  
Roll Call Vote #:

2001 HOUSE STANDING COMMITTEE ROLL CALL VOTES  
BILL/RESOLUTION NO. 302 4011

House POLITICAL SUBDIVISIONS Committee

Subcommittee on \_\_\_\_\_  
or  
 Conference Committee

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

Action Taken Do Pass

Motion Made By Rep. Maragos Seconded By Rep. Delmore

Representatives	Yes	No	Representatives	Yes	No
Chairman Glen Froseth	/		Rep. Wayne W. Tieman	/	
Vice-Chair Dale C. Severson	/				
Rep. Lois Delmore	/				
Rep. Rachael Disrud	/				
Rep. Bruce Eckre	/				
Rep. Mary Ekstrom	/				
Rep. April Fairfield	AB				
Rep. Michael Grosz	/				
Rep. Jane Gunter	/				
Rep. Gil Herbel	/				
Rep. Nancy Johnson	/				
Rep. William E. Kretschmar	/				
Rep. Carol A. Niemeier	/				
Rep. Andrew G. Maragos	/				

Total (Yes) 14 No 0

Absent 1 ab

Floor Assignment Consent Calendar Rep. Froseth

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

**REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE (410)**  
March 15, 2001 11:26 a.m.

**Module No: HR-45-5696**  
**Carrier: Froseth**  
**Insert LC: . Title: .**

**REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE**

**SCR 4011, as engrossed: Political Subdivisions Committee (Rep. Froseth, Chairman)**  
recommends **DO PASS** and **BE PLACED ON THE CONSENT CALENDAR** (14 YEAS,  
0 NAYS, 1 ABSENT AND NOT VOTING). Engrossed SCR 4011 was placed on the  
Tenth order on the calendar.

