

2011 SENATE JUDICIARY

SB 2310


2011 SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE MINUTES

Senate Judiciary Committee
Fort Lincoln Room, State Capitol

SB2310
2/7/11
Job #14116

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Explanation or reason for introduction of bill/resolution:

Relating to reporting of certain travel expenses of members of the legislative assembly.

Minutes:

There is attached written testimony

Senator Nething – Chairman

Senator Marcellais – District 9 – See written testimony.

Senator Nething – Asks him about his travel last session and why would that be important.

Senator Marcellais – Replies it would be important for the accountability of dollars that were spent.

Senator Nething – Asks him if that isn't the tribe's business because that is who is spending them. Said he wonders why he would want to do that when it isn't any of our business. He states its between Marcellais and the tribe but Marcellais would have to write a report on it.

Senator Marcellais – Responds there were a lot of questions on the time he was missing from the legislative body.

Senator Nething – Wonders why you should file a report on travel that is not related to the legislature. H e doesn't see the benefit.

Senator Marcellais – Says it is to report back to the people to show what the legislators are active in.

Senator Nelson – Questions the "and/or" used in his testimony. She says it is different in the bill.

Senator Marcellais - Said the bill is the correct way.

Close the hearing on 2310

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Minutes:

Senator Nething – Chairman

Senator Olafson motions for a do not pass
Senator Lyson seconds

Roll call vote – 4 yes, 2 no
Motion carries

Senator Nething will carry

Date: 2/14/11
Roll Call Vote # 1

2011 SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE ROLL CALL VOTES
BILL/RESOLUTION NO. 2310

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Legislative Council Amendment Number _____

Action Taken: ☐ Do Pass ☒ Do Not Pass ☐ Amended ☐ Adopt Amendment
☐ Rerefer to Appropriations ☐ Reconsider

Motion Made By Senator Olafson Seconded By Senator Lyson

Senators	Yes	No	Senators	Yes	No
Dave Nething - Chairman	X		Carolyn Nelson		X
Curtis Olafson - V. Chairman	X				
Stanley Lyson	X				
Margaret Sitte		X			
Ronald Sorvaag	X				

Total (Yes) 4 No 2

Absent _____

Floor Assignment Senator Nething

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

REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE

SB 2310: Judiciary Committee (Sen. Nething, Chairman) recommends DO NOT PASS
(4 YEAS, 2 NAYS, 0 ABSENT AND NOT VOTING). SB 2310 was placed on the
Eleventh order on the calendar.

2011 TESTIMONY

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Senate Bill No. 2310

Judiciary Committee

Senator Nething, Chairman

February 7, 2011 9:00am Fort Lincoln Room

Chairman Nething, members of the Judiciary Committee, for the record my name is Richard Marcellais, Senator from District 9, of Belcourt I am here today to provide you with testimony on Senate Bill 2310 relating to reporting of certain travel expenses of members of the legislative assembly.

Senate Bill 2310 requires that legislative assembly who accept reimbursement or payment for travel expenses for attendance at a meeting or an event from a lobbyist or other person that is not an agency or entity of the state or a political subdivision shall submit a detailed report to the legislative council within thirty days after completing the travel. The report should include the following:

- a. Destination of Travel
- b. Purpose of Travel
- c. Amount of expense reimbursement or payment received including any actual travel and lodging expenses, meals and compensation.
- d. Name and address of the person providing reimbursement or payment

This does not apply to reimbursement or payment of travel expenses by a family member or to reimbursement or payment of travel expenses for a member of the legislative assembly for purposes that were related to the private business of the member or not directly related to public business.

Senate Bill 2310 is for accountability and responsibility to the citizens and taxpayers of North Dakota.

Thank you very much for the opportunity to appear in support of Senate Bill 2310. If there are any questions I will try and answer them.