

**1999 HOUSE GOVERNMENT AND VETERANS AFFAIRS
HB 1173**


1999 HOUSE STANDING COMMITTEE MINUTES

BILL/RESOLUTION NO. HB 1173

House Government and Veterans Affairs Committee

Conference Committee

Hearing Date 1-15-1999

Tape Number	Side A	Side B	Meter #
1	X		42 - 49.7
1		X	14.6 - 16.5
Committee Clerk Signature 			

Minutes: Some of the individuals testifying submit written testimony. When noted please refer to it for more detailed information.

Representative Klein, Chairman of the GVA Committee opened the hearing on January 15, 1999.

Summary of the Bill: Relating to staffing the central mailing bureau and obtaining postage meters by the OMB.

Curt Zimmerman, Facility Management for OMB submitted a written testimony which he read in it's entirety (**please refer to his testimony**).

Representative Haas, Are you understaffed in the past and under what circumstances?

Zimmerman, The work flow fluctuate greatly in the mail room, but mostly in the afternoons and especially during the session and the tax period. We will just shift in house staff for these positions.

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Representative Klein, The present language limits you in doing that by classifying the mailing clerk and his assistants.

Zimmerman, Yes it does.

Laura Glatt, ND University Systems submitted a written testimony which she read in it's entirety **(please refer to her testimony)**. She also supports the amendment.

Representative Klein, Would this streamline the system?

Glatt, Yes.

Testimony in Opposition: None.

Representative Klein, Closed the hearing on HB 1173.

Committee Action:

Representative Hawken, Made the motion for a Do Pass.

Representative Gorder, Seconded the motion.

Motion Passes: Do Pass **15-0-0**.

Representative Gorder, Is the carrier for the bill.

FISCAL NOTE

(Return original and 10 copies)

Bill/Resolution No.: HB 1173 Amendment to: _____
 Requested by Legislative Council Date of Request: 1-4-99

1. Please estimate the fiscal impact (in dollar amounts) of the above measure for state general or special funds, counties, cities, and school districts.

Narrative:

2. State fiscal effect in dollar amounts:

	1997-99 Biennium		1999-2001 Biennium		2001-03 Biennium	
	<u>General Fund</u>	<u>Other Funds</u>	<u>General Fund</u>	<u>Other Funds</u>	<u>General Fund</u>	<u>Other Funds</u>
Revenues	0	0	0	0	0	0
Expenditures	0	0	0	0	0	0

3. What, if any, is the effect of this measure on the budget for your agency or department:

a. For rest of 1997-99 biennium: 0
 b. For the 1999-2001 biennium: 0
 c. For the 2001-03 biennium: 0

4. County, city, and school district fiscal effect in dollar amounts:

1997-99 Biennium			1999-2001 Biennium			2001-03 Biennium		
<u>Counties</u>	<u>Cities</u>	<u>School Districts</u>	<u>Counties</u>	<u>Cities</u>	<u>School Districts</u>	<u>Counties</u>	<u>Cities</u>	<u>School Districts</u>
0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

Signed: _____

Pam Sharp

Typed Name: _____

Pam Sharp

Department: _____

OMB

Phone Number: _____

328-4606

Date Prepared: _____

1-4-99

FL 1-15
LC 1-20
HRO

Date: 1-15-99

Roll Call Vote #: 1

1999 HOUSE STANDING COMMITTEE ROLL CALL VOTES
BILL/RESOLUTION NO. ~~1893~~ 1173

House GOVERNMENT AND VETERANS AFFAIRS Committee

Subcommittee on _____
or
 Conference Committee

Legislative Council Amendment Number _____

Action Taken DO PASS

Motion Made By HAWKEN Seconded By GRANDE

Representatives	Yes	No	Representatives	Yes	No
CHAIRMAN KLEIN	✓		REP. WINRICH	✓	
VICE-CHAIR KLINISKE	✓				
REP. BREKKE	✓				
REP. CLEARY	✓				
REP. DEVLIN	✓				
REP. FAIRFIELD	✓				
REP. GORDER	✓				
REP. GRANDE	✓				
REP. HAAS	✓				
REP. HAWKEN	✓				
REP. KLEMIN	✓				
REP. KROEBER	✓				
REP. METCALF	✓				
REP. THORESON	✓				

Total (Yes) 15 No 0

Absent 0

Floor Assignment GORDER.

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

REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE (410)
January 15, 1999 1:42 p.m.

Module No: HR-09-0713
Carrier: Gorder
Insert LC: . Title: .

REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE

HB 1173: Government and Veterans Affairs Committee (Rep. Klein, Chairman)
recommends **DO PASS** (15 YEAS, 0 NAYS, 0 ABSENT AND NOT VOTING).
HB 1173 was placed on the Eleventh order on the calendar.

1999 SENATE GOVERNMENT AND VETERANS AFFAIRS

HB 1173


1999 SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE MINUTES

BILL/RESOLUTION NO. HB 1173

Senate Government and Veterans Affairs Committee

Conference Committee

Hearing Date March 5, 1999

Tape Number	Side A	Side B	Meter #
1	X		1354-2099
Committee Clerk Signature 			

Minutes: CHAIRMAN KREBSBACH called the committee to order and opened the hearing on HB 1173 which relates to staffing the central mailing bureau and obtaining postage meters by the office of management and budget. Appearing before the committee to explain the legislation was Curt Zimmerman, Director of the Facility Management Division of OMB. A copy of his written testimony is attached. Questions were offered by SENATOR WARDNER and CHAIRMAN KREBSBACH. Also appearing before the committee was CATHY MCDONALD, director of finance for the North Dakota University System. She indicated she was here to support the proposed amendments to HB 1173. A copy of her written testimony is attached. CHAIRMAN KREBSBACH offered a question. There was no further testimony offered in support of, in neutral position on, or in opposition to HB 1173. The hearing on HB 1173 was closed at this time. SENATOR WARDNER made a motion for DO PASS on HB

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Senate Government and Veterans Affairs Committee

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Hearing Date March 5, 1999

1173, seconded by SENATOR THANE. ROLL CALL VOTE indicated 6 YEAS, 0 NAYS, 1

ABSENT OR NOT VOTING. SENATOR KILZER will carry the bill.

Date: 3/05/99
Roll Call Vote #:

1999 SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE ROLL CALL VOTES
BILL/RESOLUTION NO. HB 1173

Senate GOVERNMENT AND VETERAN'S AFFAIRS Committee

Subcommittee on _____

or

Conference Committee

Legislative Council Amendment Number _____

Action Taken Do Pass

Motion Made By Sen. Wardner Seconded By Sen. Thane

Senators	Yes	No	Senators	Yes	No
SENATOR KREBSBACH	✓				
SENATOR WARDNER	✓				
SENATOR KILZER	✓				
SENATOR STENEHJEM					
SENATOR THANE	✓				
SENATOR DEMERS	✓				
SENATOR MUTZENBERGER	✓				

Total (Yes) 6 No 0

Absent 1

Floor Assignment Sen. Kilzer

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

REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE (410)
March 5, 1999 1:29 p.m.

Module No: SR-40-4149
Carrier: Kilzer
Insert LC: . Title: .

REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE

HB 1173: Government and Veterans Affairs Committee (Sen. Krebsbach, Chairman)
recommends **DO PASS** (6 YEAS, 0 NAYS, 1 ABSENT AND NOT VOTING). HB 1173
was placed on the Fourteenth order on the calendar.

1999 TESTIMONY

HB 1173

TESTIMONY ON HB 1173
by Curt Zimmerman, Director
January 15, 1999

Good morning, Mr. Chairman, and members of the Government and Veterans Affairs subcommittee.

My name is Curt Zimmerman and I am the Director of the Facility Management Division of OMB. HB 1173 relates to the operations of Facility Management's central mailing bureau and is introduced at the request of the Office of Management and Budget.

Section 1 of HB 1173 relates to section 48-06-04 of the 1997 Supplement to the North Dakota Century Code. Currently, North Dakota Century Code limits the number of staff that Facility Management may employ in the mail room to a mailing clerk and an assistant mailing clerk. We believe it would be more appropriate for Facility Management to administratively determine the amount of staff required in the mail room based on workload rather than limitations in statute. Therefore, this bill changes the language from "employ a mailing clerk and an assistant mailing clerk" to "employ the necessary mailing bureau staff".

The second section addresses the requirement of requesting permission from the Director of the Office of Management and Budget to obtain postage meters. Presently all state agencies, departments and institutions must request permission to obtain postage meters. The institutions under the control of the Board of Higher Education, because of their locations and knowledge of their operations, should determine their own needs for additional or replacement postage meters. We are also requesting the second line in this section be deleted as it refers to all state agencies, departments and institutions being required to apply for authorization by July 1, 1975.

Mr. Chairman, that concludes my remarks. I would be happy to answer any questions.

Mr. Chairman and Members of the Committee:

My name is Laura Glatt. I am the Vice Chancellor for Administrative Affairs with the North Dakota University System. I am here today to support the amendments to NDCC 54-06-18 found in Section 2 of HB1173. The amendment would eliminate the need for the entities under the control of the Board of Higher Education to seek OMB approval prior to obtaining or using a postage meter.

The current approval requirement adds no value for either OMB or the NDUS. At some point in the past, this process may have provided OMB some valuable controls and information on the amount of postage used by state entities. The reality of the situation now, is that a number of our campuses out-source some, or all, of their postage to private vendors. As a result, the use of postage meters on campus is limited. Therefore, reporting information as it relates to postage meters located on campus only does not provide an accurate reflection of postage use throughout the System.

We have consulted OMB and neither of us can find any value in continuing the current approval and reporting process. We ask your favorable consideration of eliminating this unnecessary administrative process.

Thank you.

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Mr. Chairman, that concludes my remarks. I would be happy to answer any questions.

**NORTH DAKOTA UNIVERSITY SYSTEM
TESTIMONY ON HB1173**

Chair and Members of the Committee:

My name is Cathy McDonald. I am the Director of Finance for the North Dakota University System. I am here today to support the amendments to NDCC 54-06-18 found in Section 2 of HB1173. The amendment would eliminate the need for the entities under the control of the Board of Higher Education to seek OMB approval prior to obtaining or using a postage meter.

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