

**1999 SENATE APPROPRIATIONS**  
**SB 2017**


1999 SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE MINUTES

BILL/RESOLUTION NO. SB 2017

Senate Appropriations Committee

Conference Committee

Hearing Date 1/18/98

Tape Number	Side A	Side B	Meter #
1	x		3-3840
2/3/99	x		
Committee Clerk Signature 			

Minutes:

**SENATOR NETHING:** Opened the hearing on SB 2017; A BILL for an Act to provide an appropriation for defraying the expenses of the adjutant general.

**KEITH BJERKE:** Major General Keith D. Bjerke, Adjutant General of the ND National Guard to testify in support of SB 2017. (testimony attached) (tape 1, side A 100-2140).

**SENATOR NETHING:** I want to focus on that addition to the Emergency Operations Center. I think you indicated it was an \$800,000 project. The Legislative Council has given us an analysis that refers to this project: General Funds \$200,000; Other funds \$427,099. Paul will you describe the difference.

**PAUL KRAMER:** The yellow sheet we do for an analysis doesn't necessarily lay out the total funding for a line item. What it goes through are the major changes. They had major capital project funding in their current budget. What this identifies are the major funding source changes for that project in that line. It doesn't lay out the total cost. Utility costs shows \$107,000. That is not their total utility budget, that is the increase in the utility budget.

**SENATOR NETHING:** Do you have other funds to reach the \$800,000. Is this the only project you have going?

**KEITH BJERKE:** This is the only project coming into this biennium requiring state funding. Seventy-five percent will be coming from FEMA. Those funds are available. That gives us direct access to start that project with your approval.

**SENATOR NETHING:** The bottom line is that \$200,000 is enough state funds to complete the center.

**KEITH BJERKE:** Absolutely.



**SENATOR NETHING:** On page 6 when you refer to operating expenses, you indicate inflationary increases with the largest increases in the utility line. Can you tell us more about those increases?

**KEITH BJERKE:** The percentage increase in this biennium is 8.3 percent in the utilities.

**RONALD GANGNESS:** We can provide you with a complete breakdown of those numbers. We had some facilities that came on line last biennium that were not fully funded last biennium.

**SENATOR HOLMBERG:** The issue of tuition fees. Last biennium you indicated the Guard would pick up the unmet needs. And then you said that wouldn't work out. What was the cause?

**KEITH BJERKE:** The last two sessions we have set up this process whereby the National Guard would try to fund 50 percent through appropriated dollars, the institution would wave whatever portion could not be met by the National Guard and outside assistance. It was the intent that students would sit down with counselors from the institution early in the year and apply for financial assistance through grants, etc.. The first year's biennium we ended up with about 19% cost to higher education. However, as we got into this biennium, it has gone from 19 percent for higher education to close to 30 percent.

We have gone back to try to find a plan that would assist students and limit the liability to higher education and still have a reasonable figure to present to this body. We are now analyzing grade point averages, outside assistance sources, and attitude toward getting them. Students who work the hardest in achieving grades and securing outside assistance should receive the greatest benefit. Now, a full-time student will receive a \$500 scholarship and part-time students getting less. At a typical institution of about \$1,000 tuition, we give them a \$500 scholarship, the university waves 25 percent, that leaves an unmet need that the student can fill by many different methods. Now it is to their benefit to secure outside financial assistance on their own. If they don't it comes out of their pockets, not yours and mine. By increasing the eligibility to a 2.5 GPA, we can say to the student if you're not serious about going to school, we don't need you.

**SENATOR KRINGSTAD:** I have felt the various foundations and scholarships in athletics and music had subsidized the National Guard for years. Will the federal funds still be deducted? (tape 3210)

**KEITH BJERKE:** No, that is gone.

**SENATOR ROBINSON:** In reference to the Mandan Armory, what is happening to other armories across the state?

**KEITH BJERKE:** We have no agenda to close any armories. The amount of rent we pay to these armories, is not excessive. There is an increased demand on these community-owned facilities to receive community support.

**SENATOR HOLMBERG:** The way the scholarship program is set up now, do students know about the changes so we don't receive calls indicating everyone had reneged on their promises?  
**KEITH BJERKE:** It will continue throughout the biennium. Higher education is aware they have about a \$300,000 additional obligation to wave tuition for these students.

**SENATOR SOLBERG:** Let me return to this \$107,000 on utilities in the general fund. Do the feds pay anything on utilities?

**RON GANGNESS:** The federal participation in utilities is all taken care of through the army and air guard contracts. In operations, this line item you are talking about is supporting only those buildings that are supported with 100 percent general funds.

Also, I went back and looked at my records. The other utilities increase in addition to inflationary, is primarily due to the abnormally warm winter we had in 1996. The number we have included now is based on true expenditures based on traditional normal heating days.

**KEITH BJERKE:** We will provide you with a breakout of those costs.

**JOHN DWYER:** Staff Judge Advocate in the Air National Guard and Chairman of the Legislative Committee to testify in support of SB 2017. The legislative committee of the ND National Guard is supportive of the Air National Guard budget. (tape 3770)

**SENATOR NETHING:** Closed hearing on SB 2917. (tape 3840)

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tape 1, side A

**SENATOR NETHING:** Reopened the hearing on SB 2017, and called for the motion on the amendment.

**SENATOR HOLMBERG:** Moved do pass on the amendment to SB 2017

**SENATOR BOWMAN:** Seconded the motion

**ROLL CALL: 13 YEAS; 1 ABSENT & NOT VOTING**

**MOTION CARRIED ON THE AMENDMENT TO SB 2017**

Yeas: Nething; Naaden; Solberg; Lindaas; Tallackson; Tomac; Robinson; Krauter; St. Aubyn;  
Grindberg; Holmberg; Kringstad; Bowman  
Absent & Not Voting: Andrist

**SENATOR NETHING:** Called for the motion on SB 2017 as amended

**SENATOR HOLMBERG:** Moved do pass SB 2017 as amended

**SENATOR TALLACKSON:** Seconded the motion

**ROLL CALL: 13 YEAS; 1 ABSENT & NOT VOTING**

**MOTION CARRIED ON SB 2017 AS AMENDED**

Yeas: Nething; Naaden; Solberg; Lindaas; Tallackson; Tomac; Robinson; Krauter; St. Aubyn;  
Grindberg; Holmberg; Kringstad; Bowman  
Absent & Not Voting: Andrist

**CARRIER: SENATOR TALLACKSON**

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Senate Appropriations Committee

Bill/Resolution Number SB 2017.lwp-99

Hearing Date ~~1/18/99~~ 2-3-99

**SENATOR NETHING:** Closed the hearing on SB 2017 (2/3/99 tape 1, side A)

Date: 2/3/99  
 Roll Call Vote #: 1

1999 SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE ROLL CALL VOTES  
 BILL/RESOLUTION NO. SB 2017

Senate APPROPRIATIONS Committee

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

✓ Legislative Council Amendment Number 98039.0101

Action Taken DO PASS

Motion Made By SENATOR Naaden Seconded By SENATOR BOWMAN

Senators	Yes	No	Senators	Yes	No
Senator Nething, Chairman	✓				
Senator Naaden, Vice Chairman	✓				
Senator Solberg	✓				
Senator Lindaas	✓				
Senator Tallackson	✓				
Senator Tomac	✓				
Senator Robinson	✓				
Senator Krauter	✓				
Senator St. Aubyn	✓				
Senator Grindberg	✓				
Senator Holmberg	✓				
Senator Kringstad	✓				
Senator Bowman	✓				
Senator Andrist					

Total (Yes) 13 No 0

Absent 1

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

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

Date: 2/3/99  
Roll Call Vote #: 1

1999 SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE ROLL CALL VOTES  
BILL/RESOLUTION NO. SB 2017

Senate APPROPRIATIONS Committee

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

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

Action Taken DO PASS AS AMENDED

Motion Made By SENATOR HOLMBERG Seconded By SENATOR TALLACKSON

Senators	Yes	No	Senators	Yes	No
Senator Nething, Chairman	✓				
Senator Naaden, Vice Chairman	✓				
Senator Solberg	✓				
Senator Lindaas	✓				
Senator Tallackson	✓				
Senator Tomac	✓				
Senator Robinson	✓				
Senator Krauter	✓				
Senator St. Aubyn	✓				
Senator Grindberg	✓				
Senator Holmberg	✓				
Senator Kringstad	✓				
Senator Bowman	✓				
Senator Andrist					

Total (Yes) 13 No 0

Absent 1

Floor Assignment SENATOR TALLACKSON

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

REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE

SB 2017: Appropriations Committee (Sen. Nething, Chairman) recommends AMENDMENTS AS FOLLOWS and when so amended, recommends DO PASS (13 YEAS, 0 NAYS, 1 ABSENT AND NOT VOTING). SB 2017 was placed on the Sixth order on the calendar.

Page 1, line 9, replace "3,138,535" with "3,113,511"

Page 1, line 14, replace "13,181,219" with "13,148,810"

Page 1, line 16, replace "5,381,599" with "5,342,154"

Page 1, line 17, replace "106,101" with "105,584"

Page 1, line 19, replace "26,813,952" with "26,716,557"

Page 1, line 20, replace "18,325,307" with "18,254,815"

Page 1, line 21, replace "8,488,645" with "8,461,742"

Renumber accordingly

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE OF AMENDMENT:

DEPARTMENT 540 - ADJUTANT GENERAL

SENATE - This amendment makes the following changes:

	EXECUTIVE BUDGET	SENATE CHANGES	SENATE VERSION
Salaries and wages	\$3,138,535	(\$25,024)	\$3,113,511
Operating expenses	2,790,586		2,790,586
Equipment	50,000		50,000
Capital improvements	834,000		834,000
Grants	355,226		355,226
Army guard contract	13,181,219	(32,409)	13,148,810
Tuition and enlistment	967,500		967,500
Air guard contract	5,381,599	(39,445)	5,342,154
Civil air patrol	106,101	(517)	105,584
Civil air patrol-workers comp prem	9,186		9,186
Total all funds	\$26,813,952	(\$97,395)	\$26,716,557
Less special funds	<u>18,325,307</u>	<u>(70,492)</u>	<u>18,254,815</u>
General fund	\$8,488,645	(\$26,903)	\$8,461,742
FTE	133.00	0.00	133.00

Detail of Senate changes to the executive budget include:

	REDUCE COMPENSATION PACKAGE TO 2/2	ADJUST HEALTH INSURANCE COSTS	TOTAL SENATE CHANGES
Salaries and wages	(\$34,575)	\$9,551	(\$25,024)
Operating expenses			
Equipment			
Capital improvements			
Grants			
Army guard contract	(44,669)	12,260	(32,409)
Tuition and enlistment			
Air guard contract	(55,127)	15,682	(39,445)
Civil air patrol	(802)	285	(517)
Civil air patrol-workers comp prem			
Total all funds	(\$135,173)	\$37,778	(\$97,395)
Less special funds	<u>(97,835)</u>	<u>27,343</u>	<u>70,492</u>

**REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE (410)  
February 4, 1999 9:14 a.m.**

**Module No: SR-23-1865  
Carrier: Tallackson  
Insert LC: 98039.0101 Title: .0200**

General fund	(\$37,338)	\$10,435	(\$26,903)
FTE	0.00	0.00	0.00

**1999 HOUSE APPROPRIATIONS**

**SB 2017**



1999 HOUSE STANDING COMMITTEE MINUTES

BILL/RESOLUTION NO. SB 2017

House Appropriations Government Operations Committee

Conference Committee

Hearing Date March 3, 1999

Tape Number	Side A	Side B	Meter #
2	x		6.7-43.7
Committee Clerk Signature <i>Roxanne Stone</i>			

Minutes:

**A Bill for an Act to provide an appropriation for defraying the expenses of the adjutant general.**

**2A: 6.7 Keith Bjerke, Major General ND Nat'l Guard** Testified in favor of the bill (See attached written testimony).

**2A: 22.7 Rep. Carlisle** asked about the Veteran Cemetery revenue. Major Bjerke replied the Veteran Cemetery is funded by a trust fund of raised dollars: \$75,000 - 90,000. A Veterans License Plate for a \$5.00 fee also raises money for the cemetery.

**2A: 24.6 Rep. Byerly** asked how the costs are covered when the National Guard has to deploy out of state. Major Bjerke replied the costs are covered federally 100%.

**2A: 25.4 Rep. Byerly** asked about the special fund authority for the cemetery: \$210,000. Major Bjerke replied the money will cover three full time positions and two temporary.

Discussion on expansion of building in the bill. Committee will take a tour of building and cemetery on March 10, 1999.

**2A: 40.5 John Dwyer, Legislative Committee** testified in favor of the bill.

**2A: 42.0 Connie Sprynczatyk, ND League of Cities** testified in favor of the bill.

Chairman Byerly closed the hearing on Senate Bill 2017. There was no opposition to the bill.

## General Discussion

- Committee on Committees
- Rules Committee
- Confirmation Hearings
- Delayed Bills Committee
- House Appropriations
- Senate Appropriations
- Other

Date March 22, 1999			
Tape Number	Side A	B Side	Meter #
1		x	5.5-9.5
Committee Clerk Signature <i>Roxanne Kone</i>			

Minutes:

Chairman Byerly opened the discussion on Senate Bill 2017.

**1B: 5.5 Rep. Carlisle** presented amendment 98039.0201 to committee: money for building for repairs, federally funded employee for security, transfer money for seven year temp employee, special fund for FTE for Veterans Cemetery, and \$100,000 out of general funds for a funding source change. Rep. Carlisle moved the amendment. Rep. Tollefson 2nd the motion. On a voice vote the motion carried.

**1B: 7.7 Rep. Huether** asked with the amendments the adjutant general can go ahead with the projects he presented to the committee during testimony. Rep. Carlisle replied yes.

**1B: 8.6 Rep. Carlisle** moved a DO PASS AS AMENDED. Rep. Tollefson 2nd the motion. On a Roll Call Vote the motion carried.

6 voting YES

0 NO

0 ABSENT

Rep. Tollefson will carry the bill to the full committee.

### General Discussion

- Committee on Committees
- Rules Committee
- Confirmation Hearings
- Delayed Bills Committee
- House Appropriations
- Senate Appropriations
- Other

Date March 23, 1999			
Tape Number	Side A	B Side	Meter #
1	x		9.0-18.3
Committee Clerk Signature <i>Casey Davis</i>			

Minutes:

**SB 2017**

**CHAIRMAN DALRYMPLE** opened discussion on SB 2017.

**1A: 9.0 REP. TOLLEFSON** explained the GO subcommittee's recommendation and the proposed amendments 0201. He made a motion to adopt the amendments. The motion was seconded by Rep. Carlisle. A voice vote was taken and the motion carried.

**1A: 14.2 REP. TOLLEFSON** made a motion for a Do Pass as amended. The motion was seconded by Rep. Carlisle.

**1A: 15.1 REP. DELZER** asked if tuition is down. Rep. Byerly replied that it is down \$128,000 for a couple of reasons. The program now requires a 2.5 GPA and the state colleges are doing a 25% waiver.

**1A: 16.1 REP. CARLSON** asked if the National Guard has paid for its flood costs. Rep. Byerly replied that they borrowed money from the Bank of ND. The bank was reimbursed the \$107,000 out of the deficiency fund.

**1A: 18.3 A roll call vote** was taken and the motion carried unanimously with 20 yeas and 0 nays. Rep. Tollefson will carry the bill to the house floor.

Date: 3-22-99  
Roll Call Vote #: 1

1999 HOUSE STANDING COMMITTEE ROLL CALL VOTES  
BILL/RESOLUTION NO. 2017

House APPROPRIATIONS - Government Operations Committee

Subcommittee on gov't ops  
or  
 Conference Committee

Legislative Council Amendment Number 98039.0201

Action Taken DO PASS AS AMENDED

Motion Made By CARLISLE Seconded By TOLLEFSON

Representatives	Yes	No	Representatives	Yes	No
Rex R. Byerly	✓				
Ron Carlisle	✓				
Ben Tollefson	✓				
Robert Huether	✓				
Pam Gulleon	✓				
Jim Poolman	✓				

Total (Yes) 6 No 0

Absent 0

Floor Assignment REP. TOLLEFSON

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

Date: 3-23-99

Roll Call Vote #: 1

1999 HOUSE STANDING COMMITTEE ROLL CALL VOTES  
BILL/RESOLUTION NO. 2017

House Appropriations Committee

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

Legislative Council Amendment Number 0201

Action Taken Do Pass as amended

Motion Made By Tollefson Seconded By Carlisle

Representatives	Yes	No	Representatives	Yes	No
Chairman Dalrymple	✓		Nichols	✓	
Vice-Chairman Byerly	✓		Poolman	✓	
Aarsvold	✓		Svedjan	✓	
Bernstein	✓		Timm	✓	
Boehm	✓		Tollefson	✓	
Carlson	✓		Wentz	✓	
Carlisle	✓				
Delzer	✓				
Gulleson	✓				
Hoffner	✓				
Huether	✓				
Kerzman	✓				
Lloyd	✓				
Monson	✓				

Total (Yes) 20 No 0

Absent \_\_\_\_\_

Floor Assignment Tollefson

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

**REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE**

SB 2017, as engrossed: Appropriations Committee (Rep. Dalrymple, Chairman) recommends **AMENDMENTS AS FOLLOWS** and when so amended, recommends **DO PASS** (20 YEAS, 0 NAYS, 0 ABSENT AND NOT VOTING). Engrossed SB 2017 was placed on the Sixth order on the calendar.

Page 1, line 21, replace "18,254,815" with "18,354,815"

Page 1, line 22, replace "8,461,742" with "8,361,742"

Renumber accordingly

**STATEMENT OF PURPOSE OF AMENDMENT:**

DEPARTMENT 540 - ADJUTANT GENERAL

HOUSE - This amendment reduces the general fund appropriation by \$100,000 and increases the other funds by \$100,000 for an unspecified funding source change.

**1999 SENATE APPROPRIATIONS**

**CONFERENCE COMMITTEE**

**SB 2017**

1999 SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE MINUTES

BILL/RESOLUTION NO. ENGROSSED SB 2017 C

Senate Appropriations Committee

Conference Committee

Hearing Date 4/5/99

Tape Number	Side A	Side B	Meter #
4/5/99 2	2020-4560		
Committee Clerk Signature <i>Gaudia Anderson</i>			

Minutes:

**SENATOR ANDRIST:** Opened the conference committee on engrossed SB 2017

**ROLL CALL:** Senators Andrist, Grindberg; Representatives Carlisle, B. Tollefson, Gulleon.  
Absent: Senator Tallackson

**SENATOR ANDRIST:** Presented the Senate budget.  
Noted the differences between the Senate and House versions of the Bill which reduced the general fund allocation \$100,000.

General Gangness: Reported that the Adjutant General in a spirit of team playing could sustain a \$100,000 cut, if the cuts remain unspecified.

**SENATOR HOLMBERG:** Moved the Senate accede to the House amendments.

**REP. TOLLEFSON:** Seconded the motion.

**ROLL CALL:** 5 yeas; 0 nays; 1 absent & not voting.

**MOTION CARRIED - THE SENATE WILL ACCEDE TO THE HOUSE AMENDMENTS TO ENGROSSED SB 2017.**

Yeas: Senators: Andrist, Holmberg; Representatives: Carlisle, Tollefson, Gulleon  
Absent & not voting: Senator Tallackson

**SENATOR ANDRIST:** Closed the conference committee meeting.



(Bill Number) SB 2017 (, as (re)engrossed):

Your Conference Committee

Attendance	SENATORS	Vote	Attendance	REPRESENTATIVES	Vote
P	Andrist	Y	P	Carlisle	Y
P	Holmberg	Y	P	Tollefson	Y
A	Tallackson	A	P	Gulleson	Y

recommends that the (SENATE/HOUSE) (ACCEDE to) (RECEDE from)  
723/724 725/726 5724/5726 8723/8725  
the (Senate/House) amendments on (S/J/HJ) page(s) 873 - \_\_\_\_\_

and place SB 2017 on the Seventh order.  
727

, adopt (further) amendments as follows, and place  
\_\_\_\_\_ on the Seventh order:

having been unable to agree, recommends that the committee be discharged  
and a new committee be appointed. 690/515

((Re)Engrossed) \_\_\_\_\_ was placed on the Seventh order of business on the  
calendar.

DATE: 4 15 99

CARRIER: Andrist

LC NO. 98039 . 0201 of amendment

LC NO. 98039 . 0200 of engrossment

Emergency clause added or deleted \_\_\_\_\_

Statement of purpose of amendment \_\_\_\_\_

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**REPORT OF CONFERENCE COMMITTEE**

**SB 2017, as engrossed:** Your conference committee (Sens. Andrist, Holmberg, Tallackson and Reps. Carlisle, Tollefson, Gulleon) recommends that the **SENATE ACCEDE** to the House amendments on SJ page 873 and place SB 2017 on the Seventh order.

Engrossed SB 2017 was placed on the Seventh order of business on the calendar.

**1999 TESTIMONY**

**SB 2017**

**TESTIMONY OF**  
**MAJOR GENERAL KEITH D. BJERKE**  
**THE ADJUTANT GENERAL**  
**BEFORE THE**  
**SENATE APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE**  
**JANUARY 18, 1999**  
**ON**  
**SENATE BILL 2017**

The challenges presented to the North Dakota National Guard over the biennium were many. They ranged from unit reorganizations to meet future force structure requirements to complex deployments supporting third world countries. We continued a significant home station commitment in support of disaster relief and many community projects.

The individual units' accomplishments can be attributed to the great North Dakota citizens who make up those units as soldiers and airmen. On every level, our overall success can be credited in a major part to the support of our Governor, the Legislature, and the communities of our Great State.

Once again, the North Dakota National Guard led the nation in the **quality** of recruits. This is a very positive reflection on our educational system. We continue to attract the “best of the best” and report for any muster that is requested of us. Our vision is to “Train and Mentor Leaders.” With all of the demands that are placed on the National Guard and our partners, it is critical that we remain flexible and responsive to whatever our state or nation requires. This, above all else, requires enlightened, motivated leadership of a top quality force.

As of the first of this year, the North Dakota Army National Guard had an authorized strength of 3,763 personnel and had an assigned strength of 3,333 soldiers and officers. The North Dakota Air National Guard had an authorized strength of 1,057 airmen and officers and had an assigned strength of 1,102 personnel. The National Guard of North Dakota employs 903 full-time personnel of which 125 are State FTE positions with 35.25 equivalent FTE’s supported with state general funds.

The past biennium found us not only facing the tasks of today, but also preparing to meet the challenges of tomorrow. Your North Dakota National Guard soldiers and airmen are recognized globally for their pioneer spirit and “can do” attitudes. Engineers braved tropical heat and austere

living conditions to build schools and medical clinics in remote mountainous regions of Honduras. They traveled to Korea to take part in environmental missions. Air Guard pilots accumulated over forty thousand accident free flying hours in the F-16 Falcon (another first), while Civil Engineering Teams deployed to Italy and Germany. As we move into the future, we must begin to think about the unthinkable. Defense of our homeland and responding to weapons of mass destruction are no longer pages from a science fiction novel, but a potential reality.

Of course we cannot forget our response to three Presidential Disaster Declarations of 1997/98. "Operation Snowball" and "Operation Good Neighbor" and the otherwise unnamed "Disaster 1220" have tested our metal and staying power. We played a major role in the response and recovery activities that deployed over 2000 National Guard members on State Active Duty (an all time record) and hundreds of personnel from other State and Federal agencies that saved lives and protected private and public property. This was an extremely intense, pressure filled period of time and your North Dakota National Guard was a pillar of strength and professionalism throughout.

Your Guardsmen also brought value to nearly forty other local communities. We were there when the City of Williston needed water, and likewise when all of Eastern North Dakota had too much. We repaired high school running tracks, and city parks. We built baseball fields, lifted storm sewer pumps, and constructed roadways. Although our deeds and accomplishments are known around the world, we savor opportunities like "Red Ribbon Week," a carnival for hundreds of our youth that promotes a drug free lifestyle, or the chance to bring Christmas to the North Dakota Veterans Hospital in Lisbon.

Our current mission assignments and force structure allocators are relevant and place us in an enviable position with other states. Even in these times of continued military downsizing and re-engineering, the North Dakota National Guard stands tall. None of this would have been possible without the solid support of our North Dakota Legislature. I am here today to ask you to continue your outstanding record. The Governor has given us a sound budget recommendation that will propel us into the next millennium. I would like to review each line item of our proposed budget with you.

Salaries and Wages General fund increases are due to the salary benefit adjustment of 3% for both years of the biennium as proposed by the Governor, reclassifications of existing FTE's, and market competitive increases to maintain our temporary work force.

We are also requesting an additional FTE. This is a currently required carpenter position which has been filled with temporary labor. Budgeted temporary funding was reduced appropriately for this position to move it to funding for a full-time position.

To minimize the increase in general funds for salaries and wages and also to fund fixed costs in our state operations, we have not funded the Deputy Adjutant General position for the second year of the biennium.

We have requested and received in the Governor's budget, unfunded special fund authority of \$210,000 and a new FTE in support of the Veterans Cemetery. In total, this is authority for three FTE and 2 temporary positions. Our intent is to secure special funding for the \$210,000 from the Veterans Post War Trust Fund. If not, we will have to utilize funds from the Militia Foundation of the North Dakota National Guard.



Operating Expenses The increase shown in the Governor's recommendation is for inflationary increases with the largest increase in the utilities line.

Capital Improvements We have requested an "Addition" project for the State Emergency Operations Center (EOC). This is building #035 located underground at Fraine Barracks. The project would provide an above ground addition of 7,168 square feet. The total cost of the project is \$800,000 of which 25% or \$200,000 would be state funding, the remaining \$600,000 is federal funding.

This project serves an additional purpose. The existing EOC is in urgent need of a roof replacement. The "Addition" would eliminate a need for roof repair since it would be an upward addition to the building. If we secured federal maintenance and repair dollars for roof replacement, it would be a 50% match rather than 25/75 as described above for the "Addition". The total cost of roof replacement would be approximately \$300,000, costing the State \$150,000, which would not provide any of the needed additional space. The additional space would allow Emergency Management staff to be under

one roof and free up needed space for 29 National Guard members in building #040 as we expand our response capabilities for “Weapons of Mass Destruction” and “Homeland Defense”.

Grants (City Armories) A decrease of \$11,312 is shown here from the current biennium due to a reduction in occupied space at the Mandan Armory.

Civil Air Patrol An increase in Civil Air Patrol is due to the Governor’s proposed salary increase for the one FTE in this line item. In addition, \$10,000 was requested for the purchase of ten radios to replace worn out and outdated equipment necessary for effective operations.

Tuition Fees We have decreased our costs by \$128,500 as a result of revising the program which limits our spending and also limits liability for the state colleges and universities. We are proposing a new program with Senate Bill 2084 that reimburses each student based upon the number of credit hours completed and requires at least a 2.5 GPA. The state colleges

and universities will provide a 25% waiver of the total cost at each individual institution. Students participating in this program have exceeded our expectations at over 600 per semester. The funding included in our budget request allows for the increased enrollment and will allow each student the waiver and reimbursement regardless of the amount of gift aid received by students.

Air Guard Contracts Our request included a small increase (\$15,000) in general fund support which is proportionate to increased federal funds requested for inflationary increases in operations. The Governor's recommendation includes additional general fund support for the proposed 3% salary increases for those employees having a general fund match, normally at 25%.

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**TESTIMONY OF**  
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**BEFORE THE**  
**GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS DIVISION**  
**OF THE**  
**HOUSE APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE**  
**MARCH 3, 1999**  
**SENATE BILL 2017**

The challenges presented to the North Dakota National Guard over the biennium were many. They ranged from unit reorganizations to meet future force structure requirements to complex deployments supporting third world countries. We continued a significant home station commitment in support of disaster relief and many community projects.

The individual units' accomplishments can be attributed to the great North Dakota citizens who make up those units as soldiers and airmen. On every level, our overall success can be credited in a major part to the support of our Governor, the Legislature, and the communities of our Great State.

Once again, the North Dakota National Guard led the nation in the **quality** of recruits. This is a very positive reflection on our educational system. We continue to attract the “best of the best” and report for any muster that is requested of us. Our vision is to “Train and Mentor Leaders.” With all of the demands that are placed on the National Guard and our partners, it is critical that we remain flexible and responsive to whatever our state or nation requires. This, above all else, requires enlightened, motivated leadership of a top quality force.

As of the first of this year, the North Dakota Army National Guard had an authorized strength of 3,763 personnel and had an assigned strength of 3,333 soldiers and officers. The North Dakota Air National Guard had an authorized strength of 1,057 airmen and officers and had an assigned strength of 1,102 personnel. The National Guard of North Dakota employs 903 full-time personnel of which 125 are State FTE positions with 35.25 equivalent FTE’s supported with state general funds.

The past biennium found us not only facing the tasks of today, but also preparing to meet the challenges of tomorrow. Your North Dakota National Guard soldiers and airmen are recognized globally for their pioneer spirit

and “can do” attitudes. Engineers braved tropical heat and austere living conditions to build schools and medical clinics in remote mountainous regions of Honduras. They traveled to Korea to take part in environmental missions. Air Guard pilots accumulated over forty thousand accident free flying hours in the F-16 Falcon (another first), while Civil Engineering Teams deployed to Italy and Germany. As we move into the future, we must begin to think about the unthinkable. Defense of our homeland and responding to weapons of mass destruction are no longer pages from a science fiction novel, but a potential reality.

Of course we cannot forget our response to three Presidential Disaster Declarations of 1997/98. “Operation Snowball” and “Operation Good Neighbor” and the otherwise unnamed “Disaster 1220” have tested our metal and staying power. We played a major role in the response and recovery activities that deployed over 2000 National Guard members on State Active Duty (an all time record) and hundreds of personnel from other State and Federal agencies that saved lives and protected private and public property. This was an extremely intense, pressure filled period of time and your North Dakota National Guard was a pillar of strength and professionalism throughout.



Your Guardsmen also brought value to nearly forty other local communities. We were there when the City of Williston needed water, and likewise when all of Eastern North Dakota had too much. We repaired high school running tracks, and city parks. We built baseball fields, lifted storm sewer pumps, and constructed roadways. Although our deeds and accomplishments are known around the world, we savor opportunities like “Red Ribbon Week,” a carnival for hundreds of our youth that promotes a drug free lifestyle, or the chance to bring Christmas to the North Dakota Veterans Hospital in Lisbon.

Our current mission assignments and force structure allocations are relevant and place us in an enviable position with other states. Even in these times of continued military downsizing and re-engineering, the North Dakota National Guard stands tall. None of this would have been possible without the solid support of our North Dakota Legislature. I am here today to ask you to continue your outstanding record. The Governor has given us a sound budget recommendation that will propel us into the next millennium. I would like to review each line item of our proposed budget with you.

Salaries and Wages General fund increases are due to the current legislative salary benefit adjustment for both years of the biennium, reclassifications of existing FTE's, and market competitive increases to maintain our temporary work force.

We are also requesting an additional FTE. This is a currently required carpenter position which has been filled with temporary labor. Budgeted temporary funding was reduced appropriately for this position to move it to funding for a full-time position.

To minimize the increase in general funds for salaries and wages and also to fund fixed costs in our state operations, we have not funded the Deputy Adjutant General position for the second year of the biennium.

We have requested and received in the Governor's budget, unfunded special fund authority of \$210,000 and a new FTE in support of the Veterans Cemetery. In total, this is authority for three FTE and 2 temporary positions. Our intent is to secure special funding for the \$210,000 from the Veterans Post War Trust Fund. If not, we will have to utilize funds from the Militia Foundation of the North Dakota National Guard.

Operating Expenses The increase shown in the Governor's recommendation is for some inflationary increases throughout this line item. We are showing the largest increase in utilities which is predominately an increase for water and sewer service at Camp Grafton. We have just recently secured such services from Ramsey County rural water and sewer entities due to the rising level of Devils Lake and the abandoning of our lagoon and underground water reservoir systems.

Capital Improvements We have requested an "Addition" project for the State Emergency Operations Center (EOC). This is building #035 located underground at Fraine Barracks. The project would provide an above ground addition of 7,168 square feet. The total cost of the project is \$800,000 of which 25% or \$200,000 would be state funding, the remaining \$600,000 is federal funding.

This project serves an additional purpose. The existing EOC is in urgent need of a roof replacement. The "Addition" would eliminate a need for roof repair since it would be an upward addition to the building. If we secured federal maintenance and repair dollars for roof replacement, it would be a 50% match rather than 25/75 as described above for the "Addition". The

total cost of roof replacement would be approximately \$300,000, costing the State \$150,000, which would not provide any of the needed additional space. The additional space would allow Emergency Management staff to be under one roof and free up needed space for 29 National Guard members in building #040 as we expand our response capabilities for “Weapons of Mass Destruction” and “Homeland Defense”.

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Tuition Fees We have decreased our costs by \$128,500 as a result of revising the program which limits our spending and also limits liability for

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1999 – 2001 BIENNIAL BUDGET  
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**Major items affecting Adjutant General 1999-2001 Budget**

Emergency Operations Center Addition: The request for this project is \$200,000 general funds and \$600,000 federal fund authority, a total of \$800,000. This building is in urgent need of roof repair which is estimated at a cost of \$300,000 which as a repair would be funded with 50% federal funds and 50% general funds or \$150,000 of each. \*However, for an additional \$50,000 or \$200,000 general funds and federal matching of \$600,000 an "addition" of 7,168 square feet can be made to this building. The "addition" will not only add a new roof but it will also create much needed additional space.

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New FTE Positions: The Adjutant General has requested 8 new FTE positions. Six of those positions are 100% federally funded positions taken during the 1997 legislative session. Due to increasing international tensions, an increase in National Guard security positions will be required.

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A special fund position is requested for an additional FTE at the Veterans Cemetery. Special funding for this position will be provided by the Veterans Post War Trust Fund. If those funds are not available for total funding, funds from the North Dakota National Guard Militia Foundation will be utilized.

Increase Funding for Utility Costs: Utility costs have increased by \$107,000. The majority of this increase is due to the loss of the Camp Grafton lagoon and underground water reservoir systems from rising Devils Lake levels. These services are now being provided by the local rural water and sewer entity.

Increase in Federal Funding : An increase has been requested in federal funding for the Army Guard Contracts line of approximately \$4 million. This is due to previous direct federal pay now being passed through the state's accounting system. These items are 100% federally reimbursed.