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2003 HOUSE FINANCE AND TAXATION

HB 1170

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2003 HOUSE STANDING COMMITTEE MINUTES

BILL/RESOLUTION NO. HB 1170

House Finance and Taxation Committee

Conference Committee

Hearing Date January 13, 2003

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Janice Stein

Minutes:

REP. WESLEY BELTER, CHAIRMAN Called the hearing to order.

REP. LARRY BELLEW, DIST. 38 MINOT Introduced the bill on behalf of all the park districts in North Dakota. He stated he was not an expert of the financing in the bill, so referred all questions.

REP. ANDY MARAGOS, DIST. 3, MINOT Co-sponsored the bill, stating he fully supported what the bill is trying to accomplish.

MIKE NIELSON, PARK BOARD COMMISSIONER, MINOT Testified in support of the bill. Explained why they were at the legislature two years ago and are here again. Two years ago, the legislature consolidated all the park district mills. At that time, park districts were allowed one mill for health insurance. At that time we asked for two additional mills, and at that time, I was told, the park district would get more money for health insurance. The consolidation of mills went through, and with that, they dropped the one mill for health insurance. Our

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insurance for health insurance is quite high. With the one mill, we did have, we were able to buy good health insurance. Without designated health insurance money, unfortunately, we chip away at the funds we do have. We wish for the two mills so our health insurance is a designated package. The premium increased eleven thousand dollars in one year. With health insurance costs going up all of the time, I don't want to give park board commissioners the opportunity to reduce benefits to employees by having to fight between maintenance costs and health insurance costs.

REP. BELTER What does the city do, they have a separate fund for health insurance.

MIKE NIELSON In Minot, they have self-insurance for the city employee. I understand there is a bill that is being introduced, that cities would also have a health mill levy put in. The counties now have four mills for health insurance.

REP. IVERSON Will this affect the total number of mills?

MIKE NIELSON It would increase it. I noticed in the bill that when they consolidated the mills, it went to 35 mills, I don't believe anyone in this state, has had 35 mills. With the addition of adding 2 mills for health insurance, this would drop from 35 to 34. It would be one additional mill.

With no further testimony, the hearing was closed.

COMMITTEE ACTION 1-15-03 Tape #1, Side A, Meter #13.4

REP. WINRICH Gave a report of his conversation with John Staley, Dir. of the Park District in Grand Forks. According to John, the state association has not taken a position on this.

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Apparently, it is a problem unique to Minot, and as far as John is concerned, they would rather have the consolidated levy which was passed last time.

REP. WINRICH Made a motion for a **DO NOT PASS**.

REP. WEILER Second the motion. **MOTION CARRIED**.

11 YES 0 NO 3 ABSENT

REP. IVERSON Was given the floor assignment.

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Date: 1-15-03
Roll Call Vote #:

2003 HOUSE STANDING COMMITTEE ROLL CALL VOTES
BILL/RESOLUTION NO. HB 1170

House FINANCE & TAXATION Committee

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Legislative Council Amendment Number _____

Action Taken Do Not Pass

Motion Made By Rep. Winrich Seconded By Rep. Weiler

Representatives	Yes	No	Representatives	Yes	No
BELTER, CHAIRMAN	✓				
DROVDAL, VICE-CHAIR	✓				
CLARK	A				
FROELICH	A				
GROSZ	✓				
HEADLAND	✓				
IVERSON	✓				
KELSH	✓				
KLEIN	✓				
NICHOLAS	A				
SCHMIDT	✓				
WEILER	✓				
WIKENHEISER	✓				
WINRICH	✓				

Total (Yes) 11 No 0

Absent 3

Floor Assignment Rep. Iverson

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

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REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE (410)
January 15, 2003 11:25 a.m.

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REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE
HB 1170: Finance and Taxation Committee (Rep. Belter, Chairman) recommends **DO NOT PASS** (11 YEAS, 0 NAYS, 3 ABSENT AND NOT VOTING). HB 1170 was placed on the Eleventh order on the calendar.

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