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2003 SENATE TRANSPORTATION

SB 2293

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2003 SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE MINUTES

BILL/RESOLUTION NO. SB 2293

Senate Transportation Committee

Conference Committee

Hearing Date 2-7-03

Tape Number	Side A	Side B	Meter #
1		X	4160-end
2	X		0-1595
Committee Clerk Signature <i>Mary K. Moxson</i>			

Minutes:

The hearing on SB 2293 relating to veterans' cemetery number plates was opened by

Chairman Senator Thomas Trenbeath.

Senator John Syverson (District 45) Introduced SB 2293. (Attached pictures of sample license plates, letter, and proposed amendment.) The bill would redirect funding that the Adjutant General currently receives from the Department of Transportation's issue of special license plates. This does not change the total fees except for the initial registration in the proposed amendment. The hope is that more funds could be redirected into the veterans' cemetery maintenance fund with the idea that, if the fund is built to a certain level, the cemetery could become self supporting. Instead of "Discover the Spirit" across the top of the plate veterans would like to have "Veteran".

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John Jacobson (Legislative Chairman for the ND Veterans Coordinating Council) Opposes SB 2293 as initially presented. The additional \$9 is too much for the retired veterans. Veteran plate sales are down and people are not renewing.

Senator Trenbeath pointed out that the cost of a special edition plate is about \$8 to manufacture and will possibly go up. Asked if he thought the veteran should pay the price of manufacturing the plate.

John Jacobson doesn't think the veteran should have to.

Bob Hanson (Vice Chairman of the Veterans Coordinating Council) Opposed to SB 2293 in its present form. Understands the need for the DOT to recover their costs. If the fee remains at the current \$15 and the first payment would be a \$10 off the top for the DOT, that would be acceptable. Then reduce the remaining fees from \$15 to \$10 and keep the distribution exactly the same as it is. The renewal situation is not good.

(Tape 1, Side B, Meter 5900 to Tape 2, Side A, Meter 390) Discussion on the fees and proposed changes. This will affect the renewals. There is an indication that if the fees are raised veterans won't renew.

Jim Coats (Past Department Commander of American Legion) (Primary Sponsor of HB 1346, the initial veterans license plate bill, in the 97 session.) Opposes SB 2293. The Legion is concerned about the renewals.

Keith Kiser (DOT Motor Vehicle Department) (Tape 2 Meter 908) The department does not have a position. It is the agency responsible for issuing the veterans' cemetery license plates and collecting and distributing the fees that are currently required under law. Explained what has

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happened in the past with the fees. The renewals are not there as had been assumed when the legislation was originally passed. The \$15 fee could be a deterrent in some cases.

Senator Trenbeath asked how he felt about the suggestion by Mr. Hanson to give the cost of the plate up front (\$10) and for that year of issuance reduce the surcharge to \$5 and thereafter make it a \$10 surcharge.

Keith Kiser thought that would be a good idea and suggested that it should be changed from the Highway Tax Distribution Fund to the Highway Fund so the funds do cover the cost of the plate.

Senator Bercier asked for an explanation of the National Guard plates.

Keith Kiser replied that in 1991 the legislature passed legislation to create a special license plate for National Guard members. The fee put into place was a one time fee of \$5, the cost of the plate. There is no additional fee or charge beyond that.

Senator Mutch asked about the numbering system.

Keith Kiser replied that there is enough flexibility to give more combinations of numbers if needed.

Senator Bercier asked about replacing "Discover the Spirit" with "Veteran".

Keith Kiser replied that it is an ongoing discussion and the "Discover the Spirit" is not required by state law.

(Tape 2 Meter 1500) Discussion concerning where the costs of special licenses go. Under the current statute the \$5 fee goes into the Highway Tax Distribution Fund.

The hearing on SB 2293 was closed.

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2003 SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE MINUTES

BILL/RESOLUTION NO. SB 2293

Senate Transportation Committee

Conference Committee

Hearing Date 2-13-03

Tape Number	Side A	Side B	Meter #
2		X	585-800

Committee Clerk Signature *Mary K. Monson*

Minutes:

Chairman Senator Thomas Trenbeath opened SB 2293 for discussion.

Discussion indicated that the Veterans would try to get their subscription rates up over the next two years.

Senator Bercier moved a **Do Not Pass** on SB 2293. Seconded by **Senator Mutch**.

Roll call vote 6-0-0. **Passed**. Floor carrier is **Senator Bercier**.

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FISCAL NOTE
 Requested by Legislative Council
 01/22/2003

Bill/Resolution No.: SB 2293

1A. **State fiscal effect:** Identify the state fiscal effect and the fiscal effect on agency appropriations compared to funding levels and appropriations anticipated under current law.

	2001-2003 Biennium		2003-2005 Biennium		2005-2007 Biennium	
	General Fund	Other Funds	General Fund	Other Funds	General Fund	Other Funds
Revenues				\$22,000		\$24,000
Expenditures						
Appropriations						

1B. **County, city, and school district fiscal effect:** Identify the fiscal effect on the appropriate political subdivision.

2001-2003 Biennium			2003-2005 Biennium			2005-2007 Biennium		
Counties	Cities	School Districts	Counties	Cities	School Districts	Counties	Cities	School Districts

2. **Narrative:** Identify the aspects of the measure which cause fiscal impact and include any comments relevant to your analysis.

This bill changes the fees due to acquire a veteran's cemetery license plate and the distribution of the funds collected. The bill redirects \$5 annually that previously went to the highway tax distribution fund into the veteran's cemetery maintenance fund. It is estimated this will generate an additional \$22,000 for the maintenance fund. The bill also provides for a one-time fee of \$9 to cover the cost of manufacturing the special license plates. It is estimated the \$9 license plate fee will cover the cost of manufacturing the special license plates.

3. **State fiscal effect detail:** For information shown under state fiscal effect in 1A, please:

A. **Revenues:** Explain the revenue amounts. Provide detail, when appropriate, for each revenue type and fund affected and any amounts included in the executive budget.

B. **Expenditures:** Explain the expenditure amounts. Provide detail, when appropriate, for each agency, line item, and fund affected and the number of FTE positions affected.

C. **Appropriations:** Explain the appropriation amounts. Provide detail, when appropriate, of the effect on the biennial appropriation for each agency and fund affected and any amounts included in the executive budget. Indicate the relationship between the amounts shown for expenditures and appropriations.

Name:	Keith Kiser	Agency:	NDDOT
Phone Number:	328-2734	Date Prepared:	01/22/2003

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Date: 2-13-03
Roll Call Vote #:

2003 SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE ROLL CALL VOTES
BILL/RESOLUTION NO. SB 2293

Senate TRANSPORTATION Committee

Check here for Conference Committee

Legislative Council Amendment Number _____

Action Taken Do not pass

Motion Made By Senator Bercier Seconded By Senator Mutch

Senators	Yes	No	Senators	Yes	No
Senator Thomas Trenbeath, Chair	✓		Senator Dennis Bercier	✓	
Senator Duaine Espégard, V. Chair	✓		Senator Ryan Taylor	✓	
Senator Duane Mutch	✓				
Senator Dave Nothing	✓				

Total (Yes) 6 No 0

Absent 0

Floor Assignment Senator Bercier

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

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REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE (410)
February 13, 2003 4:08 p.m.

Module No: SR-28-2640
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REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE
SB 2293: Transportation Committee (Sen. Trenbeath, Chairman) recommends **DO NOT PASS** (6 YEAS, 0 NAYS, 0 ABSENT AND NOT VOTING). SB 2293 was placed on the Eleventh order on the calendar.

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2003 TESTIMONY

SB 2293

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Title.

Prepared by the Legislative Council staff for
Senator Syverson
February 6, 2003

PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO SENATE BILL NO. 2283

Page 1, line 14, after "ten" insert "six dollars for the first payment and" and after "dollars" insert "for any subsequent annual payment."

Page 1, line 20, after "deposit" insert "six dollars for the first surcharge and" and after "each" insert "subsequent"

Page 1, line 21, after "and" insert "after the first surcharge."

Renumber accordingly

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Subject: Senate Bill No. 2293

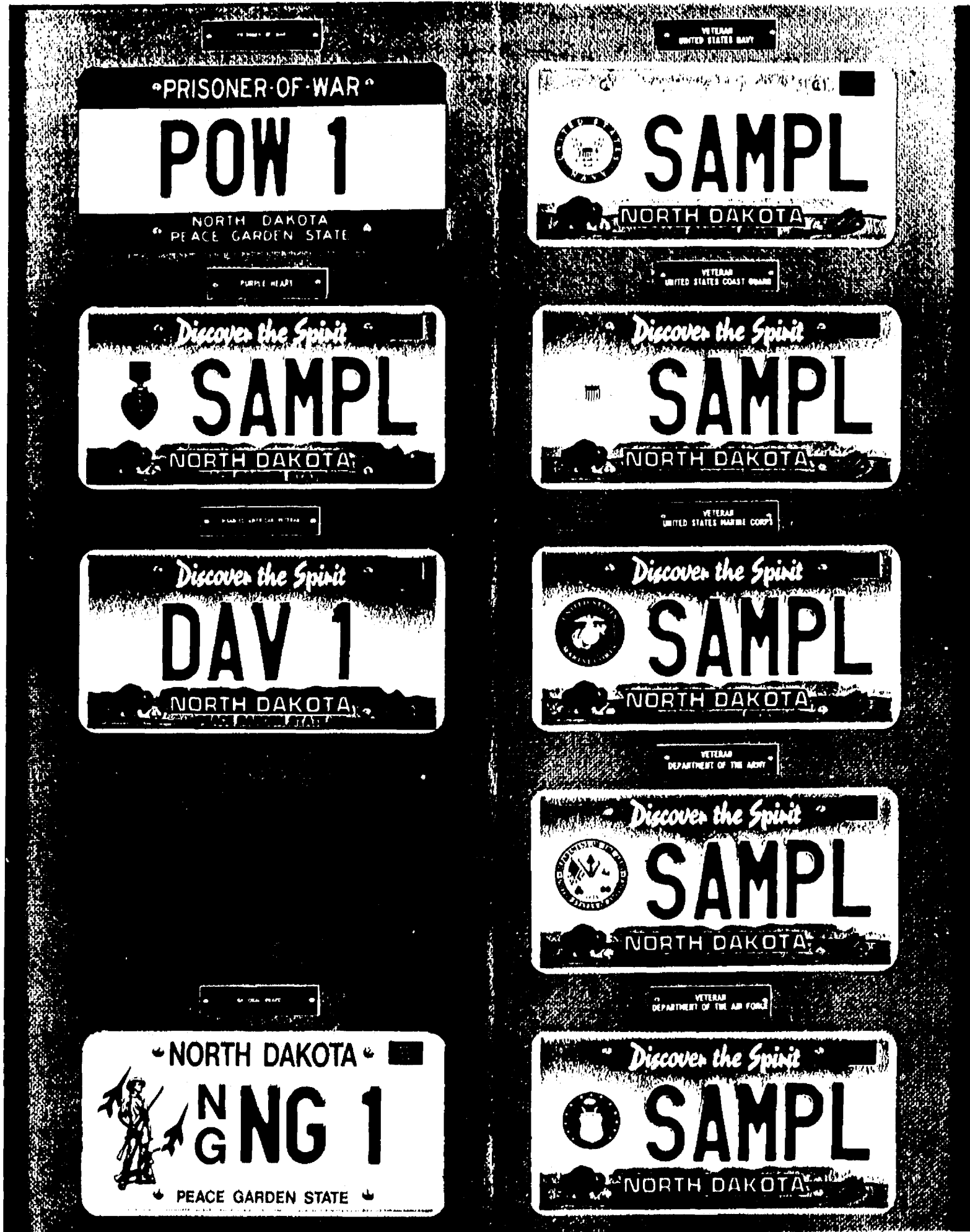
On 4 February 2003 at the regular Post meeting we were able to discuss the Senate Bill No. 2293. On behalf of Gilbert C. Grafton Post #2 in Fargo, ND we are in support of Senate Bill 2293 relating to veterans' cemetery number plates and disbursement of fees and annual surcharges. Funding for the maintenance of the ND Veterans' Cemetery is critical to continue to have this available to the growing numbers of ND veterans.

Gilbert C. Grafton, Post #2
Fargo, ND
Cathy Keogh, 1st Vice Commander

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