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2003 SENATE FINANCE AND TAXATION

SB 2361

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2003 SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE MINUTES

BILL/RESOLUTION NO. SB2361

Senate Finance and Taxation Committee

☐ Conference Committee

Hearing Date February 10, 2003

Tape Number	Side A	Side B	Meter #
1	X		5370-end
1		X	1-2850
Committee Clerk Signature <i>[Signature]</i>			

Minutes:

Senator Urlacher opened the hearing on SB2361. All committee members are present. This bill relates to an optional contribution by individual income taxpayers for programs and activities conducted by the silver-haired education association.

Senator Larry Robinson (mtr #5384) - Introduced the bill and gave supporting testimony. Gave background on the bill and explained the provisions. Urges careful consideration and support from the committee.

Representative Arlo Schmidt (mtr #5824) - Testified in support of SB2361. Provided background on Silver-Haired Assembly.

Curtis Herman, President, ND Silver-Haired Education Assoc. (mtr #242) - Testified in support of SB2361. Bill provides adequate funding necessary to continue its work. Written testimony is attached.

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Senator Urlacher (mtr #868) - Questioned if there was any coordination with the county council on aging.

Mr. Herman - Do work with other agencies.

Senator Wardner (mtr #900) - What budget do you envision for the state office.

Mr. Herman - Proposed budget approximately \$20,000-\$30,000 per year.

Senator Wardner (mtr #967) - Do you have a membership or is it an open forum

Mr. Herman (mtr #1000) - We work with the counties, do not have a specific membership.

Senator Urlacher (mtr #1079) - Verified that there are no dues to belong to this association.

Mr. Herman - Funded through Senior Centers.

Edith Falstad, NDSHA (mtr #1177) - Testified about personal feelings of SHEA (Silver-Haired Education Association). Supports SB2361.

Bernie Wagner, Secretary of the Silver Haired Education Association Steering Committee (mtr #1679) - Testified in support of SB2361. Written testimony is attached.

Norm Stuhmiller (mtr #2143) - Testified in support of SB2361 and SHEA.

Senator Tollefson (mtr #2428) - Wants to recognize the contributions the organization makes to the state.

Senator Syverson (mtr #2613) - Requested information from the Tax Department on the legislative history of check off's.

Donnita Wald, State Tax Department (mtr #2679) - Gave some information on the history of check off's on tax forms.

Senator Wardner (mtr #2752) - Question on the amount of revenue generated by current check off options.

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Ms. Wald (mtr #2766) - Generates approximately \$15,000 per year. That is an average.

Senator Urlacher (mtr #2800) - Verified the cost of implementing the check off as approximately \$12,000.00.

Senator Urlacher Closed the hearing on SB2361.

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2003 SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE MINUTES

BILL/RESOLUTION NO. SB2361

Senate Finance and Taxation Committee

☐ Conference Committee

Hearing Date February 12, 2003

Tape Number	Side A	Side B	Meter #
2	X		3264-3920
Committee Clerk Signature <i>[Signature]</i>			

Minutes:

Senator Urlacher opened the discussion on SB2361. All committee members are present. This bill relates to an optional contribution by individual income taxpayers for programs and activities conducted by the silver-haired education association.

Senator Wardner (mtr #3297) - Distributed amendments, explained the intent of the amendments and the impact on the bill. The amendments would not have a impact to the general fund.

Senator Tollefson moves to amend SB2361 with amendment .0101. 2nd by Senator Wardner.

Voice vote 6 yea, 0 nay, 0 absent. Bill is amended.

Senator Tollefson moves a Do Pass as Amended. 2nd by Senator Nichols.

General discussion followed regarding the Silver-Haired group and the check-off lines on tax forms.

Roll call for a Do Pass as Amended vote 5 yea, 1 nay, 0 absent. Carrier is Senator Seymour.

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FISCAL NOTE
Requested by Legislative Council
02/14/2003

Amendment to: SB 2361

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						
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.*

Engrossed SB 2361 provides an individual income tax voluntary "check-off" for funding the activities of the silver-haired education association. It is not possible to estimate the amount of voluntary contributions that are likely to be made by taxpayers. The tax department will incur one-time administrative costs associated with this check-off of approx. \$12,000. The bill allows the tax department to reimburse itself for these costs.

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:	Kathryn L. Strombeck	Agency:	Tax Dept.
Phone Number:	328-3402	Date Prepared:	02/17/2003

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FISCAL NOTE
Requested by Legislative Council
01/28/2003

Bill/Resolution No.: SB 2361

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						
Expenditures			\$12,000			
Appropriations						

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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.

SB 2361 provides an individual income tax voluntary "check-off" for funding the activities of the silver-haired education association. It is not possible to estimate the amount of voluntary contributions that are likely to be made by taxpayers. The tax department will incur one-time administrative costs associated with this check-off of approx. \$12,000.

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Name:	Kathryn L. Strombeck	Agency:	Tax Dept.
Phone Number:	328-3402	Date Prepared:	02/07/2003

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30754.0101
Title.0200

Prepared by the Legislative Council staff for
Senator Wardner
February 12, 2003

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2-13-03

PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO SENATE BILL NO. 2361

Page 1, line 13, replace "The" with "After deduction by the tax department of a reasonable amount for costs of collection of these optional contributions, the remaining"

Renumber accordingly

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Date:
Roll Call Vote #:

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

Senate Finance and Taxation Committee

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Legislative Council Amendment Number _____

Action Taken Issued by H. 901 Voice vote 6 yeas, 0 nays

Motion Made By Sam Sullivan Seconded By Sam Woodner

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Total (Yes) _____ No _____

Absent

Floor Assignment

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Date: 2-12-03
Roll Call Vote #: 2

2003 SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE ROLL CALL VOTES
BILL/RESOLUTION NO. 2361

Senate Finance and Taxation Committee

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Legislative Council Amendment Number _____

Action Taken Do pass as amended

Motion Made By Sen. Tollefson Seconded By Sen. Nichols

Senators	Yes	No	Senators	Yes	No
Senator Urlacher - Chairman	/		Senator Nichols	/	
Senator Wardner - Vice Chairman	/		Senator Seymour	/	
Senator Syverson		/			
Senator Tollefson	/				

Total (Yes) 5 No 1

Absent _____

Floor Assignment Senator Seymour

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REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE (410)
February 13, 2003 11:16 a.m.

Module No: SR-28-2565
Carrier: Seymour
Insert LC: 30754.0101 Title: .0200

REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE

SB 2361: Finance and Taxation Committee (Sen. Uriacher, Chairman) recommends
AMENDMENTS AS FOLLOWS and when so amended, recommends DO PASS
(5 YEAS, 1 NAY, 0 ABSENT AND NOT VOTING). SB 2361 was placed on the Sixth
order on the calendar.

Page 1, line 13, replace "The" with "After deduction by the tax department of a reasonable
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SB 2361

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2003 HOUSE STANDING COMMITTEE MINUTES

BILL/RESOLUTION NO. SB 2361

House Finance and Taxation Committee

☐ Conference Committee

Hearing Date March 3, 2003

Tape Number	Side A	Side B	Meter #
1	x		36.8 Recorder did not work
Committee Clerk Signature <i>Janice Stein</i>			

Minutes:

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

SEN. LARRY ROBINSON, DIST. 24 Introduced the bill. He stated this would help the Silver Haired Assembly whereby this bill would help with their travel and programs. It is a very worthwhile program, which is very good for the silver haired and very good for us. They bring their expertise and wisdom to the table. This would not take money from the general fund. The most they would receive would be \$12,000.

REP. WEILER Asked what the annual membership fee was to belong to the Silver Haired Assembly.

SEN. ROBINSON Stated he didn't know.

REP. WEILER Asked how many members there were.

SEN. ROBINSON Could not answer.

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REP. DROYDAL Stated he did not dispute that the Silver Haired Assembly were very effective. He related to the days when he was in the Jaycee's, who also did good things, and all of the other organizations who do great things throughout the state, but should the state get involved in finding funds for all of these organizations.

SEN. ROBINSON Stated, yes, the state should get involved.

CAROL SIEGERT, CHIEF CLERK FOR THE NORTH DAKOTA SILVER HAIRE
LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY. Testified in support of the bill. See attached written testimony.

REP. WEILER Asked how many members there were and what is their annual membership fee.

CAROL SIEGERT Stated she believed the delegated are elected in each county, she didn't think there was a fee for membership.

REP. WEILER Asked if there ever was a fee.

CAROL SIEGERT Stated she didn't know.

REP. DROYDAL Asked how he could become a delegate to the Silver Haired Assembly.

CAROL SIEGERT She stated if you want to become a delegate, all you need to do is contact your Senior Citizens Center.

DONNITA WALD, ATTORNEY FOR THE STATE TAX COMMISSIONER Proposed some amendments to the bill which would make the mechanism easier to work with. See attached amendments.

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CURTIS HERMAN, MAX. NORTH DAKOTA, AND PRESIDENT OF THE NORTH

DAKOTA SILVER HAIRE EDUCATION ASSN. Testified in support of the bill. See

attached written testimony, together with information relating to the Silver Haired Assembly.

REP. KELSH Asked how other states fund the Silver Haired Assembly.

CURTIS HERMAN Stated he didn't know. He stated he knew one state had twenty one check offs on their tax form. They do use donations from the senior centers. He stated before 1997, being a director of this assembly was a paid position.

REP. IVERSON Asked if they wanted this bill passed for funds to lobby.

CURTIS HERMAN Said No, only to have an office.

REP. WEILER Asked who can become a member of this assembly.

CURTIS HERMAN You can become a member at age 55, their are approximately 65 active members in Ward County, take that times 52 counties, their are approximately 20,000 members in the state.

REP. WEILER Asked how you determine who is an active member if there is no fee.

CURTIS HERMAN Stated, to belong in Ward County, you contact the Senior Center and the membership fee is \$3.00.

REP. DROVDAL Asked how many members pay \$3.00.

CURTIS HERMAN Didn't know, was not sure what other counties charged.

EDITH FELSTAD, WILLISTON Testified in support of the bill. She thought it was wonderful to be involved. It is a good organization. Gave considerable information regarding her involvement with the Silver Haired Assembly. She stating placing the Silver Haired

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Education Assembly on the tax forms will help most seniors. She related that 41 states have check offs on their tax forms.

REP. WEILER Asked if these were all for the Silver Haired Assembly.

EDITH FELSTAD Stated for different check offs.

REP. KLEIN Asked how this differed from AARP.

EDITH FELSTAD AARP sells insurance, prescription plans, they have many operations, which help fund their programs.

BERNARD WAGNER, SILVER HAIREDELEGATE, BARNES COUNTY Testified in support of the bill. See written testimony. Also related to his experience in the service, experience as a farmer and being a national member to the Silver Haired Education Assembly.

LARRIE WANBERG, SILVER HAIREDELEGATE SENATOR TO THE NATIONAL CONGRESS

Testified in support of the bill, see attached written testimony. Answered Rep. Weiler's question about how many members there were. Theoretically, there are 119,000 potential members in North Dakota.

REP. BELTER Stated if 20% of the members would pay just ten cents per month, the organization would realize more than the \$12,000 from the check off.

LARRIE WANBERG Stated their organization has an open membership, they have never done that. The Senior Centers could expand on that.

REP. WEILER Suggested that they send out a letter to the 119,000 potential members and ask for a five dollar donation. He felt the organization was underestimating the amount of money they could collect in donations.

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LARRIE WANBERG Stated, they could do a lot of things but they just need a start, the funds from the check off would get them started.

With no further testimony, the hearing was closed.

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2003 HOUSE STANDING COMMITTEE MINUTES

BILL/RESOLUTION NO. SB 2361

House Finance and Taxation Committee

☐ Conference Committee

Hearing Date March 11, 2003

Tape Number	Side A	Side B	Meter #
2		X	50
Committee Clerk Signature <i>Ganice Stein</i>			

Minutes:

COMMITTEE ACTION

REP. CLARK Made a motion to adopt amendments prepared by the tax department

REP. KLEIN Second the motion. Motion carried by voice vote.

REP. GROSZ Made a motion for a **DO NOT PASS AS AMENDED.**

REP. IVERSON Second the motion. Motion failed 7 Yes 7 No

During discussion Rep. Schmidt stated these people have been here two years in a row asking for help. He felt they do a lot of the same things the legislature does, plus they bring their wisdom and experience to their voluntary work, and he felt very strongly that they should receive help with their funding.

Other committee members felt that we cannot put everyone, all deserving, on the income tax form and ask for money. Rep. Belter stated, if the members donated ten cents per month, this organization would have more money than the check off would give them.

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REP. FROELICH Made a motion for a do pass

REP. SCHMIDT Second the motion. Motion failed. 7 yes 7 no

REP. WEILER Made a motion to pass the bill out of committee without recommendation.

REP. FROELICH Second the motion.

During discussion.

REP. GROSZ Made a motion to do the exact same thing for the younger citizens, because of the same reasons, plus it would get the younger citizens involved in politics.

There was no second to the motion.

REP. SCHMIDT Stated the senior citizens have asked to be on, the students have not asked.

He stated, years back, there was funding for these senior citizens organizations from the general fund, but it was taken away from them.

REP. IVERSON Stated he has a problem with people coming here asking for funding, when they could raise the money themselves.

REP. HEADLAND Felt he had a hard time with senior citizens coming in twice and asking for help, he felt it doesn't cost us anything, so he sees nothing wrong with helping them.

Without recommendation motion carried 11 yes 3 no

REP. WINRICH Was given the floor assignment.

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Date: 3-11-03
Roll Call Vote #: 1

2003 HOUSE STANDING COMMITTEE ROLL CALL VOTES
BILL/RESOLUTION NO. SB 3361

House FINANCE & TAXATION

Committee

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failed

Legislative Council Amendment Number

Action Taken

Do Not Pass as amended

Motion Made By

Rep. Cross

Seconded By

Rep. Iverson

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

Total (Yes)

7

No

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Absent

Floor Assignment

Rep.

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Date: 3-11-03
Roll Call Vote #: 2

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

House FINANCE & TAXATION Committee

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Legislative Council Amendment Number _____

Action Taken DP

Motion Made By _____ Seconded By _____

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

Total (Yes) 7 No 7

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Floor Assignment _____

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Date: 3-11-63
Roll Call Vote #: 3

2003 HOUSE STANDING COMMITTEE ROLL CALL VOTES
BILL/RESOLUTION NO. SB 2361

House FINANCE & TAXATION Committee

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Legislative Council Amendment Number _____

Action Taken

Motion Made By

Seconded By

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

Total (Yes) 11 No 3

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Floor Assignment Rep. Winrich

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REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE (410)
March 17, 2003 12:15 p.m.

Module No: HR-47-4902
Carrier: Winrich
Insert LC: 30754.0201 Title: .0300

REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE

SB 2361, as engrossed: Finance and Taxation Committee (Rep. Better, Chairman) recommends **AMENDMENTS AS FOLLOWS** and when so amended, recommends **BE PLACED ON THE CALENDAR WITHOUT RECOMMENDATION** (11 YEAS, 3 NAYS, 0 ABSENT AND NOT VOTING). Engrossed SB 2361 was placed on the Sixth order on the calendar.

Page 1, line 3, after the semicolon insert "to provide an appropriation;"

Page 1, line 8, after the boldfaced dash insert "Appropriation -"

Page 1, line 13, replace "After deduction by the tax department of a" with "Notwithstanding any other provision of law, up to twelve thousand dollars received from contributions to the silver-haired education association during the biennium beginning July 1, 2003, and ending June 30, 2005, must be deposited in the tax commissioner's operating fund and is appropriated to the tax commissioner for the purpose of defraying the"

Page 1, line 14, remove "reasonable amount for" and replace ", the" with ". The"

Renumber accordingly

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SB 2361

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Chairman Urlacher and members of the Senate Finance and Taxation Committee.

I am Bernie Wagner, Secretary of the Silver Haired Education Association Steering Committee and a resident of the 24th Legislative District. I am appearing here this morning requesting your support on SB 2361. This bill is to authorize placing another line on the North Dakota Income Tax form so the voters in North Dakota could make a voluntary contribution to the Silver Haired Education Association of \$1.00 or more. Quite a number of states have several check offs on their State Income Tax forms. If this was made available we possibly would be able to raise adequate funding to engage a full time staff to organize Silver Haired Delegates in each county in the State of North Dakota that would provide a state forum for a nonpartisan evaluation of grassroots solutions to concerns shared by an increasing number of older Americans.

In looking at the North Dakota Income Tax form there is adequate space to add another check off below the two that are presently on the form.

Thank you very much for your consideration on this matter.

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**SENATE BILL 2361
LEWIS & CLARK ROOM
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 10, 2003
10:15 A.M.**

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GOOD MORNING

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How and When Did the Interest In Silver-Haired Assemblies Begin?

Commentators characterized the 1970's as a time of political apathy among Americans. However, it was during the 1970's that the emergence of our senior citizens became activated.

Missouri held the first Silver-Haired Legislature in 1972 and convened a session annually since.

The first North Dakota Silver-Haired Assembly was convened in 1980 and was patterned after Missouri. A Steering Committee was appointed with broad representation from service agencies and organizations, state leaders, and legislators.

The first Assembly decreed a resolution to hold a second session in 1982. Sessions have been held every two years since then: 1984, 1986, 1988, 1990, 1992, 1994, 1996, 1998, 2000, and 2002. The 12th Assembly is held in 2002.

The North Dakota Silver-Haired Assembly is successful and will continue to provide input on senior issues at the state level.

What Is the National Silver-Haired Congress?

There are senior issues, which by their nature, complexity and magnitude, transcend state boundaries and must be addressed at the national level. Through a NATIONAL SILVER HAIRED CONGRESS, a national senior citizen congressional forum is established to provide:

- A legislative focus for concerns of Older Americans
- "Elders legislation" in bill form
- National visibility of aging issues
- A national forum for involvement of the elderly in the federal legislative process
- Necessary follow-up on aging issues involving ongoing communications with Congress
- Provides "grassroots" input to our National Congress

The Inaugural National Silver-Haired Congress was held in Washington, DC, February 1997. This was an opportunity of a lifetime for older adults to meet and determine actions necessary to solve some of the nation's most vexing problems—not only for the older generation but for generations to come. The philosophy of the group goes beyond addressing needs of the elderly and includes issues that affect all generations.

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While the National Silver-Haired Congress emulates the United States Congress in its size, and its internal system of checks and balances, the Silver-Haired Congress only makes recommendations to the US Congress.

The National Silver-Haired Congress explores and debates important matters affecting the elderly. The National Silver-Haired Congress discusses alternative approaches and solutions to problems and shares them with other senior groups and individuals. Suggested bills are brought to the attention of the National Congress.

When and Where Does the National Silver-Haired Congress Meet?

Meetings are held annually in February or March in Washington, DC. A midyear meeting is held in various parts of the country in August or September.

How Can I Be a Delegate?

North Dakota delegates are elected during the Silver-Haired Assembly. Delegate must be at least 60 years old, a citizen of the United States, and lives in their assigned Congressional district. Two Senators and one Representative (same as National) serve. The Senators are elected for four year terms which are staggered for carry over. The Representative is elected for two year term.

How Much Does It Cost?

Each delegate is responsible for their own expenses.

What Type of Committees are Assigned?

The committees are: Social Services programs; Civil/Criminal Justice; Finance and Taxation; Health; Commerce/Consumer Affairs and General. Each delegate receives a committee appointment.

What happens to the Resolutions after Adjournment?

The delegates are presented with a list of the top ten resolutions for distribution to their respective Senators and Members of Congress. The top ten resolutions are also distributed to the leadership of the U.S. House of Representatives, the U.S. Senate and the White House.

Delegates are urged to serve as an additional educational resource for seniors and senior service agencies in their respective communities and state.

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Silver-Haired Assembly Announces Bills and Resolutions For Session

The Steering Committee has prioritized bills and resolutions which will be reviewed during the session scheduled for the latter part of July. Delegates are divided in to four committees: Human Services, Long Term Care, Medical Education and Geriatrics, and Senior Services Committee. Each committee will study bills and resolutions assigned to that topic, and conduct hearings before voting on all bills.

Bills

- Requires medical doctors to have completed geriatric courses
- Relates to tax exemption for assisted living facilities
- Funding for mill match program
- Adult protective services program funding
- Optional funding for Silver-Haired Assembly
- Check on history and background of health care workers
- Appointment of judicial liaison
- Appoint long term ombudsmen funded from tobacco settlement
- Provide choice for needy in assisted living or nursing home care

Resolutions

- Requires ND Medical School to provide geriatric courses
- Urge Legislative Council to study need for use of generic drugs
- Indian Reservation assistance
- Tax free dollars for nursing home insurance premiums
- Recognize and encourage convening of Silver-Haired Assembly
- Prepare for next White House conference
- Reuel Harrison memorial

Delegate terms are for two years. Each delegate will be responsible to report to the senior clubs, and to the regional senior organization.

The Silver-Haired Assembly is only one of the activities provided by the Silver-Haired Education Association. The purpose of the Assembly is to provide training in the legislative process. Seniors are encouraged to become active in determining needs and services for their communities.

Curtis Herman, Max, is Chairman of the Steering Committee. He can be reached at (701) 722-3225 for further information.

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**National Silver-Haired Congress
Sixth Session - 2002**

Top Ten Resolutions

- 1. Providing a prescription drug benefit through Medicare**
- 2. Geriatrics Medical education**
- 3. Retain Social Security as a guaranteed benefit**
- 4. Alzheimer's victims and caregivers face a crisis**
- 5. Long term home care**
- 6. Protect Social Security and Medicare funds**
- 7. National background check and registry for caregivers**
- 8. Medicare prescription drugs**
- 9. Tax incentives for long term care insurance**
- 10. Social Security payment related to surviving spouse**

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**North Dakota Silver-Haired Assembly
12th Session
July 30, 31, and August 1, 2002**



Evaluation of Session

President of the Assembly	Curtis Herman of Max
National Silver-Haired Congress	Dr. Larrie Wanberg, Senator Ray Silver, Representative Dallas Knudson (2 years remaining on 4 year term) Serves as National Board of Directors as Chairman of Region VIII.
12th Assembly Delegates	47% new to Assembly 53% attended session previously
Division of males/females	53% females 47% males
Professions represented	34 different professions were listed among Delegates. This provided a nice variety of grassroots input in discussions.
Steering Committee	New committee will be composed of 87% new members. Some have served on other aging committees but were not on the past Steering Committee.
Official Logo Developed	Developing an official logo which identifies the Silver-Haired Assembly/Education Association has been a positive step toward recognizing this association. Logo will be used on all communications associated with the organization.
Evaluation of Session	Evaluations were very positive. Sound system was mentioned as being a problem. System worked well when used properly. Use of the microphone was necessary to project sound and most forgot to use it when addressing the group.

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TV coverage

Had adequate coverage between the TV stations. Some comments were made that guests instead of delegates were shown on TV in the audience. We had no control over the audience that was filmed. Curtis Herman did a nice job on the interviews.

Regional Aging Newsletter, Project Directors Newsletter and local Senior Center newsletters.

Information for the newsletters was sent to the Directors and included in their monthly newsletter. Distribution reached Senior Centers across the state.

Local Press Releases

Giving the delegate the press release and picture for the biweekly newspaper was the easiest way to ensure the articles were printed. Delegates had the responsibility for their own area newspapers. Spot checks were made to see if papers printed both picture and article.

Regional newspapers: Williston, Minot, Grand Forks, Fargo, Jamestown, Bismarck, and Dickinson were shown in including article.

Reimbursement form

Delegates were given the option of the Bismarck State College dorm facilities or staying at a motel. A new reimbursement form was developed to simplify the process of reimbursing the delegate. Motel receipts had to be attached. The Treasurer stated this process went well.

Letters to Senior Centers for Donations

The response from the letters has been significant. Suggestion was made that the Treasurer send out letters each January to all the Senior clubs in the state.

Social evening for delegates

The informal get-together for Delegates on the first evening was very favorable. Delegates appreciated the opportunity to get acquainted. Session was planned for one hour.

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Certificates to delegates	Delegates received an attendance certificate at the closing session. This is important documentation as they return to local communities.
Directory of Delegates	Pictures and short write ups from the delegates will be compiled in a Directory for the Silver-Haired Assembly.
Training of Volunteers	Volunteers understood what their duties were and carried them out well.
Name tags, meal tickets,	Placing color coded meal tickets in the name tags worked well. The Capitol Cafeteria commended this process.
Binders	Placing the name of the delegate on the cover insert of the binder helped a few get their binders returned to the owner.
Communications to Delegates	Delegates received: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> > Notification letter of the election > Information on session > Follow-up letter before session Delegates felt they were well informed.
Options for lodging	Delegates appreciated the option of choosing their lodging arrangements. Giving the same rate at the college or motel was considered fair and equitable
Handicap parking	Delegates requested more handicap parking spaces. Checked with the Highway Patrol and it was not possible at this time to designate more spaces.
Closing Ceremony	Delegates enjoyed a closing ceremony following the adjournment of the session. Delegates joined hands forming a circle, sang "God Bless America" and Mitch Olsen, National Guard, sang "I am Proud To be an American". It was a "touching" closure!

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CHARITY/TAXES

More and more checkoffs on returns

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — There are child abuse funds and wildlife preservation funds. There are funds that benefit the homeless. There are others that raise research dollars for cancer and Alzheimer's disease.

All of them rely on big-hearted taxpayers willing to donate a little portion of their income tax refunds to charity.

Income tax checkoffs raised \$27.3 million in 41 states in 2000, according to the Federation of Tax Administrators. While that was up about \$2 million over 1998, fund directors this year — in a time when private and corporate giving has dropped sharply — are trying to remind the public a checkoff donation can go a way.

Checkoff Colorado, a new 10-group coalition, began an advertising blitz last week. Posters and commercials by Gov. Bill Owens will remind taxpayers to give.

"This year it's perhaps more important than it's been in the past because I think the other sources of revenue that they've had have either been cut or reduced," said Checkoff Colorado spokesman Jon Pushkin.

Tax checkoff programs have been growing, from 103 in 1989 to 179 in 2000, according to Ron Alt of the Federation of Tax Administrators. All 41 states with a broad-based income tax have at least one checkoff. Some might have too many.

"The problem tends to be the more you get, it starts to get difficult to put on the tax return, and it makes it more complicated," Alt said.



AP Photo

Bonnie Squires, vice president of the Pennsylvania Breast Cancer Coalition, right, and Pat Halpin-Murphy, president of the Pennsylvania Breast Cancer Coalition, left, discuss the income tax checkoff program Tuesday in Harrisburg, Pa.

Virginia has 21 checkoffs on its tax return, from the Chesapeake Bay Restoration Fund to the Jamestown-Yorktown Foundation. California and Alabama have 11 each.

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off funds. In 20 years, the Wild Resource Conservation fund has generated \$6.2 million. The Korean/Vietnam Memorial fund has collected \$215,000 in five years.

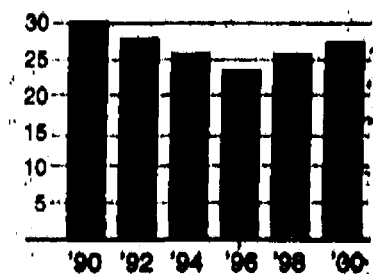
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Checking off taxes

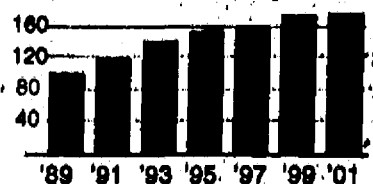
Taxpayers can designate part of their income tax refunds to charitable causes. In 2000, taxpayers gave \$27.3 million to causes through checkoffs.

Total donations raised by checkoffs

\$35 million



Number of checkoff programs



SOURCE: Federation of Tax Administrators

Federation of Tax Administrators found. Studies put the average participation rate of eligible taxpayers between 2 percent and 5 percent.

"This is a painless way for people to get involved," Squires said. "If they designate \$8 from a refund, they didn't ever have it in their hands, so they won't miss it."

TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT OF SB 2361

Mr. Chairman and members of the Finance & Taxation Committee. My name is Carol Siegert. I am here in support of SB 2361, optional contributions to the Silver Haired Education Association.

North Dakota Seniors provide leadership in addressing grass roots concerns, which can assist our seniors in improving the quality of life for our state's elderly. They are also to be commended for their dedication and concern in addressing the needs of our young people.

Since 1994, I have been the Chief Clerk for the North Dakota Silver Haired Legislative Assembly.

When I first performed the duties of Chief Clerk for the Assembly there were two Silver Haired Assembly delegates from each county in North Dakota for a total of 106 delegates. In 2002, there were only 43 delegates or one delegate from each county and in some instances there were no delegates from the county.

Previously delegates were given financial assistance with monies delegated to the Silver Haired Assembly. Since 1997, there has been no funding for the Assembly. There are many folks capable and interested in serving in the Assembly, however they are unable to serve due to the fact they are responsible for all their own expenses. Many of these Silver Haired potential delegates exist only on Social Security and are unable to absorb these expenses. The expenses include hotel/motel, food and travel. With this optional contribution they would have financial assistance to enable them to participate in the Silver Haired Assembly.

The Silver Haired Assembly also elects two delegates to the National Silver Haired Assembly in Washington, D. C. They also are responsible for their own expenses.

Delegates to the Silver Haired Assembly offer a wealth of information and initiatives that in some cases become bills and eventually laws through the North Dakota Legislative process. I personally feel we are not accessing information from a valuable component in our society by limiting their participation in the Silver Haired Assembly process because of costs. SB 2361 would assist with these costs.

I realize these silver haired delegates have the options of contacting Legislators and also testifying in committees during the Legislative Assembly. However, this too is costly while living on a limited budget.

I urge your support and a DP on SB 2361.

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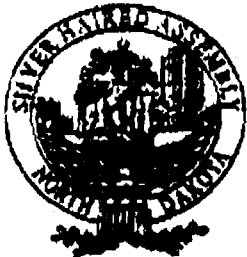
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Prize Offering Disclosures
Durable Power of Attorney for healthcare
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Study for state funded Public Guardianship
Optional supplemental program for low income basic care residents
Appropriation - Homestead tax credit program
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Testimony

North Dakota Silver-Haired Assembly

Contact: Dallas Knudson, (701) 537-5541
Dr. Larrie Wanberg, 1-888-870-0899
Ray Silver, (701) 772-2708

March 3, 2003

As one of the North Dakota Silver Haired Senators to the National Silver Haired Congress, Director of the 12th Session of the North Dakota Silver Haired Assembly and a member of the ND Silver Haired Education Assembly, am requesting you to support Bill # 2361 which will enable the North Dakota tax form to have a check off contribution for the Silver Haired Education Association.

In the 2000 census, North Dakota had almost 119,000 seniors. North Dakota has the greatest number of seniors per capita in the nation. The Census Bureau states that by the year 2030 there will be twice as many seniors as today. According to the Census Bureau, 75% of our seniors vote nationwide.

Marketing Specialists, after years catering to younger markets are discovering the focus is on the wrong age group. Instead of the young market, the focus has changed to the silver-haired group. Seniors are a strong organized group to be recognized and respected.

Not only are there more older citizens nationwide, but they are wiser, more informed, more politically active, have the greatest net worth and the greatest private wealth nationwide.

The Silver Haired Education Association focuses on education of our seniors. The goal is to develop positive support in our state.

In January, I attended the National Silver Haired Congress Executive meeting in Atlanta, GA, as a Board Member representing the six states of Region VIII. North Dakota has set up a state web site for the North Dakota Silver Haired Education Association and is proposing to include the National Silver Haired Congress as part of that site, so a national communication system can be developed. The involvement of youth and families is a strategic part of that plan. The National Board is very

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receptive to a plan of this type. The web site is evolving at www.SilverLink.us.

An invitation has been extended and accepted by the National Silver Haired Congress to hold their quarterly board meeting in Bismarck in the summer of 2004. Officials from Washington, DC and every Region in the country will be represented. This is an excellent opportunity to show case North Dakota.

As seniors, we are asking you to support our effort to place a line item on the ND tax form for voluntary contributions. We are not asking for state dollars. We are not asking for any other organization to be displaced on the tax form. We are asking that an opportunity be given to the citizens of this state to contribute to the Silver Haired Education Association

The senior population touches every family in the state. We need vision to advocate for the needs and services of the upcoming senior generation. **What we do today effects the senior of tomorrow.** Your vote of support affects the quality of life for North Dakota seniors tomorrow.

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Chairman Belter and members of the House Finance and Taxation Committee

I am Bernard A. Wagner, Silver Haired Delegate from Barnes County, District #24.

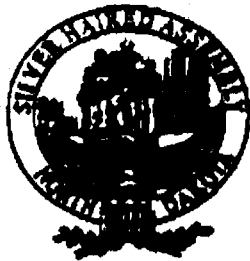
I appear this morning to testify on SB 2361 Engrossed and approving this amendment to SB 2361. I am requesting your support on this bill because I feel that SB 2361 engrossed is a very good piece of Legislation that allows Seniors to contribute to the programs that are being made available to them that they are receiving and in reality are not members of an organized Club where dues and donations have been used in the past couple of sessions to make to the SHEA session a reality.

Thank you very much.

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The North Dakota Silver-Haired Educational Association (SHEA) is launching this week a second phase of a three-step Inter-generation Initiative that was approved at the S-H Assembly at the State Capitol in Bismarck in July 2002.

The first phase was to create an infrastructure for a modern communication system that represents the voice of seniors in an evolving age of "e-gov." The beginning stage focused on constructing a website that provided information on voter issues, resource directories, the work of the S-H State Assembly and a variety of useful information. Youth assisted in the construction of the web page and will continue to upgrade the site as it evolves over the coming months.

The second stage is to appoint or recruit youth in every County as "legislative pages," assisting seniors in expressing their perspective through advanced communication tools. In addition, youth will serve as active "messengers" in a networked distribution system, so that youth can scour other information sites and post the findings on bulletin boards in Senior Centers and other public places in their hometowns. A college student from each of the eleven university/college campuses in ND will be sought as "legislative interns" to each of the eleven members of the ND S-H Steering Committee across eight ND regions.

The third phase is to function as a messaging network throughout the State to demonstrate ND as a leader in e-gov (now # 8) to a position in the top three nationally. The ultimate goal is to involve all generations -- seniors, working families, and youth -- to be informed, to communicate to their representative leaders and to participate actively in political decisions.

The Web Site construction is being done at the Maddock Business and Technology Center with coordination by Silver Senator to the National S-H Congress, Dr. Larrie Wanberg, and assisted by Silver Senator Dallas Knudson of Towner, Silver Representative Ray Siver from Grand Forks, Web Master Carl Jungberg at Maddock, Dan Kraft a senior at Maddock High School, and designers Brian and Ray Kems of Stanton.

The ND S-H Steering Committee has suggested that the National Congress use ND's website as a prototype model for other States and has invited the National SH Congress Executive Committee to host their 2004 meeting in Bismarck. For more information, see the evolving web site at www.SilverLink.us

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