

2005 HOUSE EDUCATION

HB 1233

2005 HOUSE STANDING COMMITTEE MINUTES

BILL/RESOLUTION NO. HB 1233

House Education Committee

☐ Conference Committee

Hearing Date 17 Jan 05

Tape Number

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Committee Clerk Signature

Jan Prindle

Minutes:

Chairman Kelsch opened the HB 1233:

Nancy Johnson, Representative from Dits. 37, (Testimony attached.) asked the committee to pass this measure in order that school boards could be more involved with the community groups. She assured them that with tight funding school boards and administrators would be very selective in what they join. It will be those that are beneficial to their school district.

Dan Huffman, Fargo School District, testified in favor of HB 1233. (Testimony attached.)

Rep. Mueller: I think I like what is being done here, but do you have concern that anyone would get involved with some group that really isn't in the best interest of their district or of education in general. We don't have any hold on that with the passage of this legislation.

Huffman: I would hope not, people who choose to serve in that capacity would continue to have the best interests of their district and kids in mind. That's always a risk with any kind of

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representative form of government. As taxpayers and electors we have the ultimate authority to determine if someone should continue in that capacity if they're making decisions that are not in the best interests of those of us they represent. It allows us to join professional educational organizations that would advance the things we want to do for the kids in our districts.

Bev Nielson, ND School Board Association testified in favor of the bill. Better periodicals and cheaper rates at conferences are one of the benefits. Schools want and need to partner with civic organizations such as the Chambers of Commerce and Economic Development groups.

Mary Wall, ND Council of Educational Leaders, testified in favor of the bill. School boards and administrators are disadvantaged by not being members of civic groups. They miss interaction with community leaders who could help further the educational interests of schools and students.

Chairman Kelsch closed the hearing on HB 1233 and asked the wishes of the committee.

Rep. Meier: I move for a do pass.

Rep. Solberg: Second

There being no further discussion Chairman Kelsch asked for a roll call vote on HB 1233.

Yes: 14 No: 0 Absent: 0 Passed.

Rep. Meier will carry the bill.

Date:

Roll Call Vote #:

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2005 HOUSE STANDING COMMITTEE ROLL CALL VOTES BILL/RESOLUTION NO. 1333

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REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE (410) January 17, 2005 11:51 a.m.

Module No: HR-10-0527 Carrier: L. Meier Insert LC: . Title: .

REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE

HB 1233: Education Committee (Rep. R. Kelsch, Chairman) recommends DO PASS (14 YEAS, 0 NAYS, 0 ABSENT AND NOT VOTING). HB 1233 was placed on the Eleventh order on the calendar.

2005 SENATE EDUCATION

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2005 SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE MINUTES BILL/RESOLUTION NO. HB 1233

Senate Education

Business and Conference Committee

Hearing Date March 2, 2005

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Committee Clerk Signature

Chairman Freborg opens hearing on HB 1233

Relating to school board membership dues.

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Representative Nancy Johnson - Introduced the bill. See written testimony.

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Senator Freborg - Said that he remembers many years ago when he served on house appropriations they looked at subscriptions paid for publications and memberships and the total dollar was overwhelming. He asked if that would happen with the school board.

Rep. Johnson - Replied it must come out of the school boards budget and if it gets out of line they are going to know. She does not expect they will waste a lot of money because it is just not there.

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Bev Neilson -School Board Association - In support of this bill. She said Fargo was in violation too. They ask a lot of their civic groups to be partners in education. She did not think it could get out of control because there is a limited number of funds. She said your local economic group becomes aware your concerns and maybe take them into consideration.

Senator Freborg - Asked if they had made arrangements to pay back the Fargo School district.

Neilson - That has been done yet, they hope to grandfather everyone in who has been error all these years.

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Doug Johnson - ND Council of Education - In support. He said he has spoke to superintendents across the state and they feel the need to work with their local chambers of commerce.

Senator Flakoll - Said to take note of the letter handed out from Dan Huffman, Asst. Supt, Fargo Public School District #1.

Close the hearing on HB1233.

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Senator Flakoll - Moved for a do pass.

Senator Erbele - Seconded

Senator Flakoll will carry.

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Date: 3/2/05

Roll Call Vote #:

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REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE (410) March 2, 2005 1:11 p.m.

Module No: SR-38-3971 Carrier: Flakoll Insert LC: Title:



HB 1233: Education Committee (Sen. Freborg, Chairman) recommends DO PASS (6 YEAS, 0 NAYS, 0 ABSENT AND NOT VOTING). HB 1233 was placed on the Fourteenth order on the calendar.

2005 TESTIMONY

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Testimony for HB 1233

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I am here to encourage your support of HB 1233. This bill would allow local school boards to pay dues and be members of other city and national organizations. Under current law they are only permitted to pay dues to NDHSAA, and county and state associations.

I served on the Dickinson Public School Board for 15 years and I must confess that we were in violation of the law. During that time we were members of NSBA - I even served as a director on that national board.

There are many organizations in which it is valuable for school districts to be active participants. Some that come to mind for the Dickinson area are:

the Chamber of Commerce, GNDCC, ND Association of Oil and Gas Producing Counties, Southwest Area Human Resources Association, Association of Curriculum Development, Stark County Development and Southwest ITC. Your districts may have others that fit their needs.

Most of these organizations have very minimal membership fees. The relationships that are developed are what's important. They can help school leadership be even more responsive to a community.

With funding as tight as it is, I am confident that local school boards will not join a multitude of organizations. School board members and administrators will be very selective and chose only those which they feel will be beneficial to their school district.

Madame Chairwoman and members of the committee, I ask for you favorable vote on HB 1233. Thank you.

58th North Dakota Legislative Assembly House of Representatives House Education Committee HB 1233

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