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2005 SENATE FINANCE AND TAXATION

SB 2196

2005 SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE MINUTES

BILL/RESOLUTION NO. **SB 2196**

Senate Finance and Taxation Committee

Conference Committee

Hearing Date January 24, 2005

Tape Number	Side A	Side B	Meter #
# 1	X		27.7 - 61.1
Committee Clerk Signature <i>Sharon Penzance</i>			

Minutes: All committee members present.

SEN. URLACHER: Called the committee to order and opened the hearing on SB 2196.

SEN. BOWMAN: appeared as prime sponsor of the bill stating this really has to do with this color aging process, as we all grow older and you look around the room you notice that some people that were here 14 years ago, their hair starts to change and there is an association that goes along with that and that association is the Silver Haired Association. What this association is trying to do and of course this bill has been here before, is find a way to appropriate money to them so they can continue their education process on legislative issues and what it is really is a simple check off. You want to check off on your short form and donate some money, the way I understand it is you donate some money, the tax commissioner collects the money, they pay him up to \$12,000 to do this, the money then is transferred over to the State Treasurer and they take the money and give the money out to the association through the Human Services Budget.

SEN. ROBINSON: appeared as cosponsor in support stating we have an active organization out there and we should feel very good about the fact that the Silver Haired Assembly is very active on issues that impact the entire state of North Dakota. They have a regular delegated assembly, they come together to discuss issues, its a tremendous asset this organization is to the Legislative process and our entire state. Through this legislation, we are allowing the option of a check off should they so choose of \$1 or more. The check off can work, I know there is always resistance, but I think the time is now, they are not asking for general fund money, they are asking for contributions that we can make state wide to support this organization and they can continue the good work that they've done for many many years. It's an excellent piece of legislation.

SEN. TOLLEFSON: Demographically we are aging in ND, to what degree are we aging?

SEN. ROBINSON: ND's statistically information on that area, I don't have the exact figures, but I think it will underscore that we do have an aging population. We're one of those states that really is in the upper tier nationally in terms of an aging population, all the more reason to keep these people involved, they want to be involved and they are not asking for general fund appropriation.

REP. HUNSKOR: cosponsor of the bill appeared in favor with written testimony stating this bill allows an individual tax payer to designate on his/her state income tax return a contribution to the silver haired education association fund any amount of 1\$ or more. If this bill passes, it would be the most convenient way a senior citizen could donate to his/her silver-haired education association. In addition, it would give the younger citizens of our state the opportunity to show their appreciation to "the Silver Haired Folks" who have helped make ND the great place to live in that it is.

CURTIS HERMAN: President of the ND Silver-Haired Education Association (SHEA)

appeared in support with written testimony stating the goal of the SHEA is to make a difference in the livelihood of the Seniors in ND.

SEN. COOK: I have assumed you have a budget that you've planned out and probably this budget is relative to how much money you anticipate your going to have to spend, that's what determines the size of the budget. I would also assume that you have another budget that would reflect if money wasn't an issue, in other words its reflects all of the things that you would like to do but can't do because of the restrictions you have right now. You mentioned maybe hiring a director, what is the difference between your real budget that you have now and what your dream budget is that you would like to have? Just some insight, what type of things would you be adding, just a director? What if this raises \$600,000, would you have more than enough money?

MR. HERMAN: I looked at \$80,000 with a director, this compares to \$50,000 that they had prior to 1997. At that time, it included the office, rental and so on. At this point, my budget looks at about \$80,000 and if half of the senior citizens gave \$1, we'd have more than enough, I'm not looking at having extra money, that's not the point. The point is having enough money to provide services that we are doing at the present time. I don't think people should have to do all for this for nothing.

SEN. COOK: Your budget that your living in right now without a director is \$80,000 or the budget that you would like to have is going to be a total of \$80,000.

MR. HERMAN: My budget this last year was about \$40,000 and we lived within that and we paid part of the expenses that the delegates could get.

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BERNIE WAGNER: from Valley City and Secretary of the Steering Committee appeared in support of the bill and read to the committee the bylaws of the Silver Haired Assoc. He stated that we are not complying with the bylaws right now because the funding is not there.

HARRY SWENDSEN: representing District 8 on the Steering Committee appeared in support stating that money is the toughest part for a lot of people in paying their own way to go to many of these things, like I am today. Feels its so important that someone come and show support on their behalf and report back to the senior citizens.

NO OPPOSITION. Closed the hearing.

2005 SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE MINUTES

BILL/RESOLUTION NO. SB 2196

Senate Finance and Taxation Committee

Conference Committee

Hearing Date January 25, 2005

Tape Number	Side A	Side B	Meter #
# 2	X		48.8 - 61.3
Committee Clerk Signature <i>Sharon Renshaw</i>			

Minutes: AFTERNOON COMMITTEE WORK

SEN. URLACHER: personally I think we get a lot of volunteer work by the senior citizens. I know there is a lot wealth out there within them, but there is also a lot of fixed incomes out there.

SEN. TOLLEFSON: we passed that out 2 yrs ago, got killed in the Senate, how?

ANSWER: Doesn't recall.

SEN. TOLLEFSON: made a motion for DO PASS, seconded by Sen. Every

SEN. COOK: had questions on budget, they live within a \$40,000 budget and would like \$80,000 so that they can have a director. To raise \$40,000 for that cause in the State, I don't think would be too difficult and I would suggest take a dynamite man like Rich Wardner who right now volunteers basically while you do get paid a little bit by the Chamber of Commerce, I would think you could as well as anybody could volunteer to be their director and somehow say that your compensation will come out of the money that you raise, with a limit of so much and that you could raise all the money in the world to have even more than the \$40,000/\$80,000 budget. I

understand their problem and their dilemma but I think there would be a better way of going about it, even than this.

SEN. EVERY: director or lobbyist, they have that right, they have as many or more concerns than anybody, if 1/3 rd of our population is the aging population, they have a right to that person to defend them and represent them and I think whatever means that we have that we can offer to them to achieve we should do it.

SEN. TOLLEFSON: the fiscal note is minuscule, we've got more potential out there with some of these silver haired giants, they've had a life time of experience that could be shared with everybody if they had the opportunity to do that. Their asking for the opportunity and feels its a win win situation.

Further discussion of whether the director will be a lobbyist or not and that was the issue last session.

SEN. WARDNER: after Sen. Cook asked about their budget, I think they are underestimating this, they are glad if they can get \$80,00 plus the \$12,000, but this thing has the potential to bring in \$300,000 and that would be my only question, what are they going to do with the excess money if it does come and it could, it needs to be monitored.

SEN. URLACHER: I think if there is excess funds, they would be utilizing it right back into senior citizens.

Added into the motion of referring the bill to appropriations.

ROLL CALL VOTE: 5-1-0 Sen. Cook voted no Sen. Every will carry the bill

FISCAL NOTE
 Requested by Legislative Council
 02/01/2005

REVISION

Bill/Resolution No.: SB 2196

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.*

	2003-2005 Biennium		2005-2007 Biennium		2007-2009 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.*

2003-2005 Biennium			2005-2007 Biennium			2007-2009 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.*

SB 2196 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. Any contributions that are received will reduce, or eliminate the cost to the general fund of the start-up expenses.

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:	Office of Tax Commissioner
Phone Number:	328-3402	Date Prepared:	02/02/2005

FISCAL NOTE
Requested by Legislative Council
01/12/2005

Bill/Resolution No.: SB 2196

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.*

	2003-2005 Biennium		2005-2007 Biennium		2007-2009 Biennium	
	General Fund	Other Funds	General Fund	Other Funds	General Fund	Other Funds
Revenues						
Expenditures			\$12,000			
Appropriations			\$12,000			

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

2003-2005 Biennium			2005-2007 Biennium			2007-2009 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.*

SB 2196 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 has an appropriation equal to the check-off revenue up to \$12,000 which will be used to defray start-up expenses for the Tax Department.

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:	Office of Tax Commissioner
Phone Number:	328-3402	Date Prepared:	01/19/2005

Date: 1-25-05
 Roll Call Vote #: _____

2005 SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE ROLL CALL VOTES
BILL/RESOLUTION NO. SB 2196

Senate _____ **Finance and Taxation** _____ Committee

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Legislative Council Amendment Number _____

Action Taken DO Pass & refer to appropriations

Motion Made By Tollefson Seconded By Every

Senators	Yes	No	Senators	Yes	No
Sen. Urlacher	✓		Sen. Bercier	✓	
Sen. Wardner	✓		Sen. Every	✓	
Sen. Cook		✓			
Sen. Tollefson	✓				

Total (Yes) 5 No 1

Absent 0

Floor Assignment Every

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

REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE (410)
January 26, 2005 12:49 p.m.

Module No: SR-17-1094
Carrier: Every
Insert LC: . Title: .

REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE

SB 2196: Finance and Taxation Committee (Sen. Urlacher, Chairman) recommends DO PASS and BE REREFERRED to the Appropriations Committee (5 YEAS, 1 NAY, 0 ABSENT AND NOT VOTING). SB 2196 was rereferred to the Appropriations Committee.

2005 SENATE APPROPRIATIONS

SB 2196


2005 SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE MINUTES

BILL/RESOLUTION NO. 2196

Senate Appropriations Committee

Conference Committee

Hearing Date February 1, 2005

Tape Number	Side A	Side B	Meter #
1	a		
Committee Clerk Signature 			

Minutes:

Chairman Holmberg called the hearing to order on SB 2196.

Vice Chairman Bowman testified in **support of SB 2196**. He indicated his understanding of the bill and that the incoming funds should be considered special funds, not general funds.

Senator Robinson indicated this bill has been before the Senate in several sessions and this is the first time it has come before the appropriations committee. He indicated he hoped the committee would see fit to have a DO PASS.

Chairman Holmberg asked if the tax department would provide this committee with a corrected fiscal note.

Curtis Herman, President, ND Silver Hair Committee (SHEA), Silver Hair Education

Program, testified in **support of SB 2196**. He provided no written testimony. He described the role of the Silver Hair Education Program.

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Senate Appropriations Committee

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Hearing Date February 1, 2005

Bernard Wagner, Barnes County, former Silver Hair Legislator, testified in support of SB

2196. He described the purpose of SHEA and his role in the past.

Al Halley, SHEA, testified in support of SB 2196.

Senator Tallackson motioned for a **DO PASS**. **Senator Andrist** seconded. Motion carried by

a roll call vote of 13 YES 2 ABSENT.

Chairman Holmberg closed the hearing indicating Senator Bowman will carry the bill and to

hold up the standing committee report until the fiscal note is revised.

PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO SENATE BILL NO. 2196

Page 1, line 17, replace the second "the" with "technology" and remove "of collection of these optional contributions"

Renumber accordingly

Date: 2/11/05
Roll Call Vote #: 1

2005 SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE ROLL CALL VOTES
BILL/RESOLUTION NO. SB 2145

Senate Senate Appropriations Committee

Check here for Conference Committee

Legislative Council Amendment Number 2196

Action Taken Do Pass

Motion Made By Sen Bowman Seconded By Sen Andrist

Senators	Yes	No	Senators	Yes	No
Chairman Holmberg	✓		Sen. Tallackson	✓	
Vice Chairman Bowman	✓				
Vice Chairman Grindberg	✓				
Sen. Andrist	✓				
Senator Christmann					
Senator Fischer	✓				
Sen. Kilzer	✓				
Sen. Kringstad	✓				
Sen. Schobinger	✓				
Sen. Thane	✓				
Sen. Krauter	✓				
Sen. Lindaas	✓				
Sen. Mathern	✓				
Sen. Robinson					

Total (Yes) 13 No _____

Absent 2

Floor Assignment Sen Bowman

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

hold until fiscal note corrected

REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE

SB 2196: Appropriations Committee (Sen. Holmberg, Chairman) recommends **AMENDMENTS AS FOLLOWS** and when so amended, recommends **DO PASS** (13 YEAS, 0 NAYS, 2 ABSENT AND NOT VOTING). SB 2196 was placed on the Sixth order on the calendar.

Page 1, line 17, replace the second "the" with "technology" and remove "of collection of these optional contributions"

Renumber accordingly

2005 HOUSE FINANCE AND TAXATION

SB 2196

2005 HOUSE STANDING COMMITTEE MINUTES

BILL/RESOLUTION NO. SB 2196

House Finance and Taxation Committee

Conference Committee

Hearing Date **February 28, 2005**

Tape Number	Side A	Side B	Meter #
1		X	19.3
Committee Clerk Signature <i>Janice Stein</i>			

Minutes:

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

SEN. BILL BOWMAN, DIST. 39, BOWMAN Introduced the bill. There is no general fund money in this bill, it is a tax check-off. The money goes to the Tax Department, collected there, and the first twelve thousand dollars which they think it will cost for a computer program, the money is checked off to pay for that. The money will go into the Treasurer's Department, as they collect money over the twelve thousand dollars, eventually, it will go to the Department of Human Services and be distributed back to the Silver Haired Association. They will be testifying why they need that bill.

SEN. LARRY ROBINSON, DIST. 24 Co-sponsor of the bill. He stated he has been on this bill numerous times before. It is no secret that North Dakota has more people who are eighty five years of age or older than any other state in the nation, they are a tremendous resource to this state. They have built this state, they want to remain active. That is what the Silver Haired

Assembly is all about. We have a group of concerned North Dakotans, who want to come together and debate public issues. They volunteer in a number of community activities back home. This bill is all about that, it is an opportunity for them to generate some dollars. It will cost us nothing.

REP. BELTER The fiscal note is \$12,000 start up costs, after the program is in effect, does the Tax Department get any cut out of this just to administer the program?

SEN. ROBINSON The only concern on the Senate side was the start up costs. Once it is in operation with the technology that is in place today, this is not going to be an issue. The proposal in SB 2196 will offset those dollars.

REP. BOB HUNSKOR, DIST. 6 Testified in support of the bill. See attached written testimony. He answered Rep. Belter's question regarding the cost to administer the program. They visited with the State Tax Commissioner and he indicated that ten thousand dollars would cover the initial cost, this bill has twelve thousand, so there is a little extra there.

CURTIS HERMAN, PRESIDENT OF THE SILVER HAired EDUCATION ASSN,

MINOT, ND Testified in support of the bill. See attached written testimony, together with several handouts relating to the bills that have been passed for the Silver Haired Assembly, a report to the North Dakota Silver Haired Assembly and the web site for the Silver Haired Assembly.

REP. DROVDAL I was looking at your success sheet for the Silver Haired Assembly, on the bottom of it, it covers the homestead tax credit, I haven't seen any Silver Haired Assembly people here or AARP, even though I asked them to come, so I take exception to you taking credit for something I couldn't get you to come forward and speak on.

CURTIS HERMAN I have not been there to testify. If testimony is required, some of us will be here.

REP. DROVDAL That is my point, you weren't here, and if we fund this, I would expect we would benefit from the results of it, and somebody from the Silver Haired legislature and AARP would be around when these bills come up and not just take credit when they pass.

CURTIS HERMAN It won't happen again.

REP. GRANDE How do you become a delegate, and is there voting at the county level, and how does this all work?

CURTIS HERMAN In January, we sent out a notice to each county, the county chairman distributes this to the senior center in each county, they have an election like you do, and they elect a delegate from that county, then the process goes on like in the legislature, itself, whereby, when they are elected, they come to the Steering Committee.

REP. GRANDE How is it advertised, I haven't seen anything.

CURTIS HERMAN Fargo does not represent itself. Cass County does, but not Fargo. They get the information, but they have never sent a delegate or provided any money. The advertising should come through the senior center.

REP. IVERSON How many members does the Silver Haired Assembly have?

CURTIS HERMAN We do not know, we don't give cards.

REP. IVERSON I remember last time you came in, we asked you why you don't fund raise, you really didn't give us an answer, I will ask the same question, how come you don't fund raise to raise the twelve thousand per year?

CURTIS HERMAN I don't understand the question, the twelve thousand dollars is what we need to get started.

REP. IVERSON That is correct, I am asking how come you don't find in your own organization to provide that money yourself, rather than coming to the legislature asking for a check-off on the tax form?

CURTIS HERMAN Up to now, we have worked with donations, but our people say, it is getting harder and harder all the time. It is easier for us to do the check-off. Last year, the donations came to about \$18,000.

REP. IVERSON I don't mean to make light of your organization, but you are asking us to fund an organization which you don't know how many members you have, to do a check-off on a state form.

CURTIS HERMAN I don't know how many members we have, maybe I am not answering your question the way you want it. I was asked how much money we need, our hope is to hire a parttime director, right now, it is all volunteer, driving down here is volunteer. My idea is about \$80,000, in a two year period, that is what we would like to get. We know how many senior citizens in age brackets in North Dakota.

REP. BELTER In my area, the senior citizens are extremely active, has there been any attempt on the part of your organization, because you have this state-wide network of senior citizens group, I am surprised you don't organize and assess dues, to carry on this project. You are asking the legislature to put a line on the income tax form so that you have the possibility of raising some revenue, yet, has there been any attempt within your own organization to fund this program?

CURTIS HERMAN To answer that, senior citizens of North Dakota are kind of private. It is hard to get this funding. We have a web site now, through that we are trying to get information out, but throughout the state, many senior citizens don't go to the senior center. In Minot, for instance, it is a good example. Probably twenty five percent of the senior citizens in Minot make use of the senior center, its a beautiful place. I don't have the answer for it.

REP. DROVDAL Isn't the answer to the question Rep. Iverson asked, that every senior citizen in North Dakota over the age of 65 can be a member of the Silver Haired Assembly, and the question how do they find out about who will represent them, isn't that through the senior citizen's centers of the county, where they can get applications to be delegates?

CURTIS HERMAN Stated he was hard of hearing - they contact as many as they can.

BERNIE WAGNER, BARNES COUNTY Testified in support of the bill. Read an excerpt from the Silver Haired Policy. He hoped that answered some of the questions asked. He stated they used to get money from the Aging Services. In Barnes County, it is hard to get more than one person to run for a position, because seventy five percent of the costs come out of their own pockets. It costs money to send anything to each of the clubs in North Dakota.

REP. CONRAD I remember prior to 1997, the Silver Haired Assembly had staff, and you were able to provide funding for people to attend the different things, since 1997, you have been strictly volunteer, do you think you can get back to that status?

BERNIE WAGNER Yes, the monies that come in after the first twelve thousand dollars, right now, we don't have anybody on the payroll. We hope to have sessions in the county like we did before, we had legislators come and explain the legislative process to them at an open forum.

REP. CONRAD If we did this for two or four years to see if it generated funds, then looked at it again, would that be acceptable?

BERNIE WAGNER That would be good. We would be happy to come back and explain how things are going. At our age, we aren't sure whether we will be back.

DAVID BRAATEN, AARP Testified in support of the bill.

We have worked for it for some time. We have used the Silver Haired Assembly extensively to get information.

HARRY SWENSON, ADAMS COUNTY DELEGATE TO THE SILVER HAURED

ASSEMBLY Testified in support of the bill. Gave a biography of his life as it is now.

He made those statements to let the committee know that he is qualified as a delegate in his district. He served on the Silver Haired assembly for four terms. He stated they have a pretty good senior center in Hettinger, however, it is hard to get them to pay dues.

REP. DROVDAL had a question for Donnita Wald, State Tax Department.

In the past, when we have had testimony, we added a line to the short form, when we discussed ND2 and discussed eliminating it, you talked about a form that could be attached to it, instead of adding another line, how would you administer this?

DONNITA WALD, STATE TAX DEPARTMENT Right now, the check-off has two lines on the form, one as a tax due, or to add another dollar, or whatever they wanted to contribute, and then a line on the refund, they can contribute their refund. We are looking at possibly moving this all to another form, just for check-offs.

REP. DROVDAL We could add as many as we wanted, and they could check the ones they want on that form and attach it to their ND1 and send it in, will that create any complications?

DONNITA WALD Our only expense with the check-offs, is the upfront technology costs. We can work with the form now, because it really isn't short anymore.

With no further testimony, the committee hearing was closed.

COMMITTEE ACTION Tape #2, Side B, Meter #20

REP. CONRAD Made a motion to amend the bill which would sunset the bill December 31, 2008.

REP. GRANDE Second the motion. Motion carried 7 yes 6 no 1 absent

REP. NICHOLAS Made a motion for a **do pass as amended**.

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

7 YES 6 NO 1 ABSENT

REP. DROVDAL Was given the floor assignment.

2005 HOUSE STANDING COMMITTEE MINUTES

BILL/RESOLUTION NO. **SB 2196**

House Finance and Taxation Committee

Conference Committee

Hearing Date **March 1, 2005**

Tape Number	Side A	Side B	Meter #
1		x	8
Committee Clerk Signature			

Minutes:

COMMITTEE ACTION

REP. BRANDENBURG Made a motion to reconsider the action by which this bill was passed out of committee.

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

REP. BRANDENBURG Felt to pass this bill would allow every organization to ask for a check off on the income tax form. Other people have to come up with their own dime, and these people should be the same.

REP. BRANDENBURG Made a motion for a **do not pass**.

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

7 YES 6 NO 1 ABSENT

REP. IVERSON Was given the floor assignment.

Date: 2-28-05
 Roll Call Vote #: 1

2005 HOUSE STANDING COMMITTEE ROLL CALL VOTES
BILL/RESOLUTION NO. SB 297

House FINANCE & TAXATION Committee

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Legislative Council Amendment Number Sunset in 2008

Action Taken Adopt Amment

Motion Made By Rep Conrad Seconded By Rep Grande

Representatives	Yes	No	Representatives	Yes	No
BELTER, WES, CHAIRMAN		✓			
DROVDAL, DAVID, V-CHAIR		✓			
BRANDENBURG, MICHAEL	A				
CONRAD, KARI	✓				
FROELICH, ROD	✓				
GRANDE, BETTE	✓				
HEADLAND, CRAIG		✓			
IVERSON, RONALD		✓			
KELSH, SCOT	✓				
NICHOLAS, EUGENE	✓				
OWENS, MARK	✓				
SCHMIDT, ARLO	✓				
WEILER, DAVE		✓			
WRANGHAM, DWIGHT		✓			

Total (Yes) 7 No 6

Absent 1

Floor Assignment _____

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

Date: 2-28-05
 Roll Call Vote #: 1

2005 HOUSE STANDING COMMITTEE ROLL CALL VOTES
 BILL/RESOLUTION NO. SB 2196

House FINANCE & TAXATION Committee

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Legislative Council Amendment Number _____

Action Taken

Do Pass as Amended

Motion Made By

Rep. Nicholas

Seconded By

Rep. Froelich

Representatives	Yes	No	Representatives	Yes	No
BELTER, WES, CHAIRMAN		✓			
DROVDAL, DAVID, V-CHAIR	✓				
BRANDENBURG, MICHAEL	✓				
CONRAD, KARI	✓				
FROELICH, ROD	✓				
GRANDE, BETTE		✓			
HEADLAND, CRAIG		✓			
IVERSON, RONALD		✓			
KELSH, SCOT	✓				
NICHOLAS, EUGENE	✓				
OWENS, MARK	✓				
SCHMIDT, ARLO	✓				
WEILER, DAVE		✓			
WRANGHAM, DWIGHT		✓			

Total (Yes) _____

7

No _____

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Absent _____

Floor Assignment

Rep. Drovdal

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

Date: 3-1-05
Roll Call Vote #: 2

2005 HOUSE STANDING COMMITTEE ROLL CALL VOTES
BILL/RESOLUTION NO. 562196

House FINANCE & TAXATION Committee

Check here for Conference Committee

Legislative Council Amendment Number _____

Action Taken Do Not Pass

Motion Made By Rep. Brandenburg Seconded By Rep. Headland

Representatives	Yes	No	Representatives	Yes	No
BELTER, WES, CHAIRMAN	✓				
DROVDAL, DAVID, V-CHAIR		✓			
BRANDENBURG, MICHAEL	✓				
CONRAD, KARI		✓			
FROELICH, ROD		✓			
GRANDE, BETTE	✓				
HEADLAND, CRAIG	✓				
IVERSON, RONALD	✓				
KELSH, SCOT		✓			
NICHOLAS, EUGENE	A				
OWENS, MARK		✓			
SCHMIDT, ARLO		✓			
WEILER, DAVE	✓				
WRANGHAM, DWIGHT	✓				

Total (Yes) 7 No 6

Absent 1

Floor Assignment Rep. Iverson

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

REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE (410)
March 1, 2005 4:00 p.m.

Module No: HR-37-3905
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REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE

SB 2196, as engrossed: Finance and Taxation Committee (Rep. Belter, Chairman)
recommends **DO NOT PASS** (7 YEAS, 6 NAYS, 1 ABSENT AND NOT VOTING).
Engrossed SB 2196 was placed on the Fourteenth order on the calendar.

2005 TESTIMONY

SB 2196

GOOD MORNING CHAIRMAN URLACHER AND MEMBERS OF THE FINANCE AND TAXATION COMMITTEE. FOR THE RECORD, MY NAME IS REPRESENTATIVE BOB HUNSKOR, DISTRICT 6, WHICH INCLUDES BOTTINEAU, RENVILLE, AND PART OF WARD COUNTY. AS ONE OF THE 190,000 SILVER HAired CITIZENS OF THE GREAT STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA, I AM PRIVILAGED TO ASK YOUR SUPPORT FOR HB 2196.

THE SENIOR CITIZENS OF NORTH DAKOTA, 60 YEARS OR OLDER, REPRESENT 29% OF THE POULATION. IN HB 1296, THEY ARE ASKING YOUR SUPPORT FOR LEGISLATION THAT WILL ALLOW AN INDIVIDUAL TAX PAYER TO DESIGNATE ON HIS/HER STATE INCOME TAX RETURN A CONTRIBUTION TO THE SILVER HAired EDUCATION ASSOCIATION FUND ANY AMOUNT OF ONE DOLLAR OR MORE.

THE STATE TAX COMMISSIONER INDICATED THAT THE TAX DEPARTMENT WOULD INCUR A ONE-TIME PROGRAMMING AND DATABASE COST OF APPROXIMATELY \$10,000 IF A NEW CHECK-OFF WAS CREATED. THE ONGOING COSTS WOULD BE MINIMAL. HB 1296 MANDATES THAT UP TO TWELVE THOUSAND DOLLARS RECEIVED FROM CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE SILVER HAired EDUCATION ASSOCIATION MUST BE DEPOSITED IN THE TAX COMMISSIONERS OPERATING FUND.

IF PASSED, THIS LEGISLATION WOULD BE THE MOST CONVENIENT WAY A SENIOR CITIZEN COULD DONATE TO HIS/HER SILVER-HAIRED EDUCATION ASSOCIATION. IN ADDITION, IT WOULD GIVE THE YOUNGER CITIZENS OF OUR STATE THE OPPORTUNITY TO SHOW THEIR APPRECIATION TO "THE SILVER HAIRED FOLKS" WHO HAVE HELPED MAKE NORTH DAKOTA THE GREAT PLACE TO LIVE IN THAT IT IS.

THANK YOU MR. CHAIRMAN AND COMMITTEE MEMBERS FOR THE PRIVILEGE OF SHARING MY THOUGHTS REGARDING THIS LEGISLATION WITH YOU. I WILL ANSWER YOUR QUESTIONS AS BEST I CAN.

North Dakota Silver-Haired Assembly



SENATE BILL 2196
LEWIS & CLARK ROOM
MONDAY, January 24, 2005
9:20 A.M.

*Same
given
to House*

Chairman Urlacher and members of this committee—
GOOD MORNING

My name is Curtis Herman from Minot, North Dakota. I am President of the North Dakota Silver-Haired Education Association (NDSHEA) and am also Chairman of the Steering Committee which is the governing body of the NDSHEA. I am in favor of SB 2196 because of the need to have adequate funding necessary to continue the work of NDSHEA.

The goal of the SHEA is to make a difference in the livelihood of the Seniors in North Dakota. The North Dakota Silver-Haired Education Association is an organization composed of Senior Citizens from throughout North Dakota who are 60 years of age and older. SHEA is a 501-C-3 non-profit tax exempt corporation. **Originally SHEA was funded by contract with (Federal Older American Act) dollars channeled through the Aging Network of North Dakota (ANND), local match and additional contributions. SHEA lost this Federal funding in 1997 and although the office closed its doors, the vision of the Silver-Haired Assembly remained strong in the hearts and minds of many people. Since 1997 SHEA has been able to continue with contributions from senior clubs and other organizations. It is our hope that with the passage of SB2196 we will again be able to organize an office staff and continue working to improve the health and welfare of the approximate 180,000 senior citizens of North Dakota. According to the last census North Dakota persons aged 60 and older comprise 29 per cent of our population and this percentage number is growing in leaps and bounds. Thus, the need for an organization such as the North Dakota Silver-Haired Education Association.**

One delegate is elected from each county in North Dakota to represent that county at the North Dakota Silver-Haired Legislative Assembly. The term of office is for two years. During the first day of the Assembly a Steering Committee is formed. One delegate from each of the Governor's eight regions is elected by a caucus of each Region to serve on the Steering Committee. The President, President Pro Tem and the representative from the Reservations are also members of the Committee.

The last SHEA was held on July 28, 29 and 30, 2004 in the North Dakota House Chambers with forty-nine of the fifty-three counties represented. The state of Missouri held the first Silver-Haired Legislature in 1972 and has convened one every year since. At the present time there are 36 states that have an organized Silver-Haired Education Association. The first NDSHEA was convened in 1980 and is a pattern of the Missouri experience.

A Silver-Haired Legislative Assembly has been held every other year since 1980. The Silver-Haired Legislature is a model legislative session whose purpose is to provide an educational experience for older citizens, informing them about the legislative process through actual involvement in it and to provide a forum through which the needs of their constituents can be brought forth and addressed.

There has been much discussion regarding line items being replaced or added to the North Dakota Income Tax Form. Income tax check offs in forty-one states raised approximately 27.3 million in 2002. All 41 states have at least one checkoff. Virginia has 21 checkoffs. California and Alabama each have 11 and Pennsylvania has five. In my visiting with seniors from all corners of North Dakota the comment has been "this is a painless and easier way for us to donate money." "When we don't have it, we don't feel it." The Silver-Haired Education Association is not asking for funding from the state of North Dakota. We are asking for the chance to fund ourselves.

We, the seniors of North Dakota, thank you for the opportunity to present our case to your committee. We ask that you, as a committee, will vote favorably on the passage of SB2196 and allow the seniors of North Dakota to in some way take care of themselves.

SUCCESSFUL SHA BILLS PASSED INTO STATE LAWS

Equal Pay for Equal Care

Guardianship

Adult Protective Services-Law Only

Caregiver Negligence

Mill Levy Match

Living Wills

EMS-Training for Volunteers

Consumer Protection

Medicare Supplemental LTC Insurance

Home Solicitation Sales - Over 65 has 15 days to cancel

Telepromoting - protection against phone-mail sales fraud

Grandparents Rights

Seatbelt Law

Stalking

Alzheimer Unit Admission w/out Civil Commitment

Proceedings

Vehicle lights on during inclement weather

Healthcare consent for incapacitated persons

More funding for Home/Community Based Services

Prize Offering Disclosures

Durable Power of Attorney for healthcare

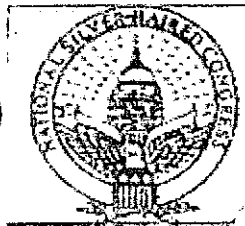
Prohibit age disclosure by employers of 1 or more persons

Study for state funded Public Guardianship

Optional supplemental program for low income basic care residents

Appropriation - Homestead tax credit program

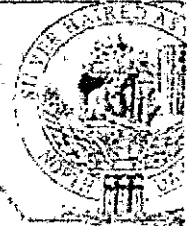
Property tax credit program for low income seniors



SILVER HAIRIED ASSEMBLY

OF
North Dakota

"The Silver Voice of Citizens"



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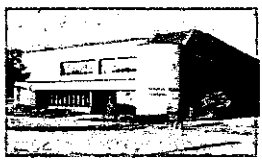
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Welcome to the "Silver Voice of Citizens" website - a grass-root model to inform citizens on issues affecting families and communities at the place where they vote and express opinions reflectively as an advisory resource in the halls of state government and the national congress.



A \$10 contribution to the Silver Haired Assembly get you a shining pin to show support of senior our educational program
Donate Now!

FEATURED CENTER



Grand Forks SC Center

The 17 full and part-time staff at the Grand Forks Senior Center keeps the place open 9am to 5pm eve... [\[more\]](#)

Everyone wants to be well informed and up-to-date. Most people want an objective view - based on an educational approach rather than partisan or lobbying objectives. Most citizens prefer factual information and then given the choice to express their opinion - through comment, discussion and eventually by their personal vote.

UPCOMING EVENTS

This website is created as a prototype for a National Silver Haired Congress web-portal to demonstrate how advanced communications can improve and strengthen the voice and image of seniors to fulfill our service mission: "to inform, guide and lead."

Seniors and youth are the fastest growing segments of our population to use advanced communications. In North Dakota, seniors and youth of voting age constitute 53% of the vote.

The North Dakota Silver Haired Educational Association (SHEA) presented an inter-generational model at the National Silver Haired Congress in Washington in February 2004 and will demonstrate this model at the mid-annual meeting of the National Silver Haired Congress in Bismarck on July 19-22, 2004.

13th North Dakota Silver Haired Assembly

Dallas Knudson, Director
ND Silver Haired Assembly

September 9, 2004

Report to the North Dakota Silver Haired Steering Committee

I Delegates who did not attend nor did not have alternates were called:

- Two people were ill
- Two people forgot
- One person was out of state

II Evaluation of State Silver Haired session:

- Evaluations were very positive of the session
- Stated committees had good debate – good speakers, pro & con
- Arrangements and issues were wonderful
- First time...and it was a good experience
- Would like it extended to three full days
- Wish there was enough money to send 2 delegates from each county
- More relaxed atmosphere than in previous years
- Very educational
- Had good leadership for committees
- Make sure committee chairperson has a copy of bills prior to session
- One page said “We have been treated royally”
- Using the microphone system in the House Chamber was a new experience. Delegates had to learn to speak up.
- Start at 9:00 a.m. Need a nap after lunch.



Interesting facts on session:

- 62% of delegates from counties were new
- 38% of delegates had been elected previously from their county

- 54% of the delegates were women
- 46% of the delegates were men

- 63% of the Region delegates on the Steering Committee are new

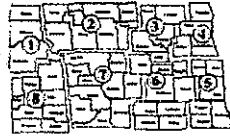
- 52 of the 53 counties had a delegate

North Dakota Silver-Haired Legislature

An Educational Association Advising State Legislators and National Congress Delegates on Voter Issues Affecting Seniors and Inter-Generational Family Members.

ND Executive Board has 8 State Regional Reps to Steering Committee



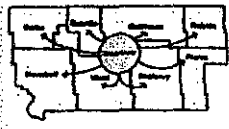
ND 8 Regions

- President: Curtis Herman
- Vice President: Ray Siver
- Secretary: Bernie Wagner
- Treasurer: Martha Becker
- Native Rep: Ed Hall Sr.
- 8 Regional Reps
- 3 National Delegates

Purpose of ND Silver-Haired Education Association, Inc.

- Encourage good citizenship
- Awareness of legislative processes
- Promote well-being
- Conduct training for seniors in voter issues
- Provide forum to identify needs
- Projects to improve quality-of-life
- Conduct biennial S-H Assembly to prioritize proposed bills
- Participate in non-partisan research
- Provide technical assistance to legislative members or committees
- Inform members of general issues and bills

Regional Delegate Reports to Each County in District




North Dakota's 8 Regions

Region delegate interacts with all counties for mutual exchange of information

- Each County has a delegate to the State Assembly
- Each County delegate works with County Commissioners and are agency councils
- Coordination flows between Counties and Region

National Silver-Haired Congress Representation from North Dakota

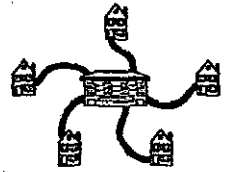


Delegation is small in numbers;
Big in potential impact for growth

Three National Delegates

- Dallas Knudson
S-H Senator to '04
- Dr. Larrie Wanberg
S-H Senator to '06
- Ray Siver
S-H Congressman '04

Each County May Have Several Towns in a County Council



County Seats may have a number of towns with Senior Centers and each town center will serve a number of households

- Each town has an active Senior Citizens Center
- County government supports local Center through a mill levy
- Each Center has a Board of Directors and a voting membership

Each Center is Self-Governed

- ❑ Senior Citizens Centers reach out to all seniors and elderly and host meetings and social activities of interest to members
- ❑ All State and Regional services intersect with Center and community members
- ❑ Information is posted on a bulletin board
- ❑ Centers may have computers for access to web sites, health materials or sending e-mail

Seniors Sustain Leadership Model with Inter-Generational "Family"

- ❑ ND S-H Assembly approved a plan to involve youth as community-based "pages," similar to legislative or congressional pages, to collect Internet messages and distribute printed information to senior citizen centers
- ❑ College students from hometowns serve as volunteer community "interns" to S-H Delegates in each Region
- ❑ In this way, the political process is engaged at multiple levels in County and State government
- ❑ Thereby, Seniors create a sustainable leadership model with an inter-generational outreach to inform all citizens

Seniors Carry Information Home, often to 3-Generational Family

- ❑ Every senior citizen belongs to a family- usually three generations- and family units are voter groups where common concerns get discussed
- ❑ At the last S-H Assembly, a unanimous vote was cast to include issues or concerns of working families (children of seniors as today's parents) and youth (grandchildren)
- ❑ Some concerns are prioritized that are issues only for retired, seniors or elderly

Elected Seniors "Partner" with Youth to Promote Citizenship

- ❑ Elected S-H seniors identify local youth to participate as student "interns and pages"
- ❑ Students learn about issues and help inform community through modern media communications (e-mails, web pages, etc)
- ❑ Together, information on opinions of the electorate on issues is collected and passed on to appropriate elected officials

Modern Communications Open Dialogue at All Leadership Levels

- ❑ Electronic communications is dominating the way that information is distributed
- ❑ E-mail, instant messaging, net meetings and interactive Internet is becoming the standard for business and organizations
- ❑ Web sites store volumes of information for the use of consumers and constituencies
- ❑ Seniors are beginning to feel comfortable in the world of technology

New Technologies Improve Communication Services to Seniors

- ❑ An advanced technology, developed in ND, enables seniors to dial from their home phone and have SilverLink.us web page "read" to them over their phone
- ❑ Called "Rover," this system is being tested so that seniors without access to computers can interact as an e-community with voice-activated digital communications

Informed Voters have a Strong Voice

- SHEA is a grass-root citizens' organization that "mirrors" the State Legislature by elections
- 75% of Seniors vote Nationwide
- Senior numbers will double by 2030
- Silver-Haired implies wisdom from life's experience and concerns for next generation
- Goals include active participation in shaping the quality-of-life for seniors and families

What Future Challenges are Being Considered by SHEA

- An interactive approach addresses basic issues, such as health care, home safety, funding, and improved representation through information exchanges
- Future plans include exploring an electronic system for "straw votes" on issues of local, regional and statewide issues, as a basis of e.gov services

What are the Numbers

- ND has 120,000 seniors over 65
- SHEA is an open association for all citizens over 60 years-of-age
 - There are no dues
 - Information is the focus -- not partisan, not lobbying, but informing voters on issues
- Objective is to bring 20% of senior voters online with active, informed participation

How can ND SHEA be Funded

- | <u>Public</u> | <u>Private</u> |
|--|-----------------------------|
| County mill levy for local senior funding at county level | Corporate sponsors |
| Re-instating State Legislative funds | Foundation grants |
| National funding sources through grants and demonstration projects | Health initiatives |
| | Private donations |
| | Fund raising |
| | Support from Senior Centers |

What is ND SHEA doing to Advance Its Leadership Position

- ND SHEA will host National SH Congress Steering Committee of 100 in August 2004
- SHEA will vie for National "teleport" as "SilverLink.com" and contract for out-sourcing regional and national events
- ND SH Senators participated in an "IT Summit on e-Gov" between ND & MN in August 2003 to consider innovations for regional coordination in Upper Midwest

Proposal to National Silver-Haired Executive Committee

- "An Interstate, Internet Model Consolidating the State Silver-Haired Issues on Aging into a National Teleport and On-Line Forum"
 - Approval to pursue funding to develop a centralized model and web site
 - Contracting the administration of NSHC to an Event Management Team in North Dakota
 - To create and develop a sustainable leadership model involving seniors and inter-generational members- students (seek experience), staffers (service provided) and volunteers (bring experience)