

**2021 SENATE GOVERNMENT AND VETERANS AFFAIRS**

**SB 2207**

# 2021 SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE MINUTES

**Government and Veterans Affairs Committee**  
Room JW216, State Capitol

SB 2207  
1/28/2021

<b>Relating to submission to the emergency commission; relating to emergency requests.</b>
--

**Chair Vedaa** opened the hearing at 10:37 a.m. with Sen Vedaa, Sen Meyer, Sen Elkin, Sen K Roers, Sen Wobbema, Sen Weber, and Sen Marcellais present.

**Discussion Topics:**

- Budget section
- Informing legislators
- Appropriations

**Senator Judy Lee** introduced SB 2207 #4069

Adjourned at 10:40 a.m.

*Pam Dever, Committee Clerk*

SB 2207

Senate Government and Veterans Affairs Committee

Senator Judy Lee

SB 2207 would ensure that requests made by a state officer to the Emergency Commission would be passed along to the Budget Section for its consideration. If, for example, the Department of Transportation makes a request which goes to the Office of Management and Budget, there will be a decision made in the executive office about the worthiness of the request and it may not ever reach legislators.

Earlier on in the pandemic, there were at least 3 situations of which I am aware in which a department submitted requests for continued or additional funding of programs, and the requests were not passed along to the Budget Section. The requests were denied without requesting the reasons for them, the information never reached legislators, and that is where appropriations decisions are to be made.

The process which is described in NDCC 54-16-03.1 is fine, with the exception of this one area.

The legislature has the authority to appropriate money, and it is essential that the legislative Budget Section, which is part of this process, is informed about requests.

The Office of Management and Budget would continue to receive and process the applications for funding in an emergency, and would also make its recommendations about approval, denial, or amending the request, when forwarding the information to the Budget Section, which then could agree with the recommendation or amend the request.

The important change here is that the legislative Budget Section would be informed about the request and would make the final decision about whether or not additional funding would be approved. That is where funding decisions should be made, not by a member of the executive branch.

I encourage the Government and Veterans Affairs committee to approve the change to informing the Emergency Commission about all requests, and leaving in place the idea of OMB providing recommendations about the request to the Emergency Commission. The appropriators ought to be informed about all requests, and the final decisions should be made by them.

# 2021 SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE MINUTES

## Government and Veterans Affairs Committee Room JW216, State Capitol

SB 2207  
1/28/2021 11:20 am

<b>– Submissions to the emergency commission ; relating to emergency requests</b>
---

**Chair Vedaa** called to order at 11:20 a.m. with Sen Vedaa, Elkin, K Roers, Wobbema, Weber and Marcellais present.

**Discussion Topics:**

- Committee work

**Sen K Roers:** I move a Do Pass

**Sen Meyer:** I second.

**Roll Call Vote:** 7 – YES 0 – NO -0- ab **Motion Passed.**

Senators	Vote
Senator Shawn Vedaa	Y
Senator Scott Meyer	Y
Senator Jay R. Elkin	Y
Senator Richard Marcellais	Y
Senator Kristin Roers	Y
Senator Mark F. Webber	Y
Senator Michael A. Wobbema	Y

**Sen. Marcellais** will carry the bill.

Adjourned at 11:25 a.m.

*Pam Dever, Committee Clerk*

**REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE**

**SB 2207: Government and Veterans Affairs Committee (Sen. Vedaa, Chairman)**  
recommends **DO PASS** (7 YEAS, 0 NAYS, 0 ABSENT AND NOT VOTING). SB  
2207 was placed on the Eleventh order on the calendar.

**2021 HOUSE GOVERNMENT AND VETERANS AFFAIRS**

**SB 2207**

# 2021 HOUSE STANDING COMMITTEE MINUTES

## Government and Veterans Affairs Committee Pioneer Room, State Capitol

SB 2207  
3/5/2021

Relating to submissions to the emergency commission; relating to emergency requests
---

**Chairman Kasper** opened the hearing at 9:02 a.m.

Representatives	Roll Call
Representative Jim Kasper	P
Representative Ben Koppelman	P
Representative Pamela Anderson	P
Representative Jeff A. Hoverson	P
Representative Karen Karls	P
Representative Scott Louser	A
Representative Jeffery J. Magrum	P
Representative Mitch Ostlie	P
Representative Karen M. Rohr	P
Representative Austen Schauert	P
Representative Mary Schneider	P
Representative Vicky Steiner	P
Representative Greg Stemen	P
Representative Steve Vetter	P

### Discussion Topics:

- Emergency Commission consideration process
- Process for Legislative Budget Section
- OMB recommendations about requests

**Senator Judy Lee** introduced and testified in favor.

**Chairman Kasper** ended at 9:24 a.m.

*Carmen Hart, Committee Clerk*

# 2021 HOUSE STANDING COMMITTEE MINUTES

## Government and Veterans Affairs Committee Pioneer Room, State Capitol

SB 2207  
3/12/2021

Relating to submissions to the emergency commission; relating to emergency requests
---

**Chairman Kasper** opened the committee work meeting at 10:32 a.m.

Representatives	Roll Call
Representative Jim Kasper	P
Representative Ben Koppelman	P
Representative Pamela Anderson	P
Representative Jeff A. Hoverson	A
Representative Karen Karls	P
Representative Scott Louser	P
Representative Jeffery J. Magrum	A
Representative Mitch Ostlie	P
Representative Karen M. Rohr	P
Representative Austen Schauer	P
Representative Mary Schneider	P
Representative Vicky Steiner	P
Representative Greg Stemen	P
Representative Steve Vetter	P

### Discussion Topics:

- Committee work

**Rep. B. Koppelman** moved **Do Pass**. **Rep. Schauer** seconded.

Representatives	Vote
Representative Jim Kasper	Y
Representative Ben Koppelman	Y
Representative Pamela Anderson	Y
Representative Jeff A. Hoverson	A
Representative Karen Karls	Y
Representative Scott Louser	Y
Representative Jeffery J. Magrum	A
Representative Mitch Ostlie	Y
Representative Karen M. Rohr	Y
Representative Austen Schauer	Y
Representative Mary Schneider	Y
Representative Vicky Steiner	Y
Representative Greg Stemen	Y
Representative Steve Vetter	Y

**Motion passes.** 12-0-2. **Rep. Schauer** is the carrier.

**Chairman Kasper** ended at 10:34 a.m.

*Carmen Hart, Committee Clerk*



**REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE**

**SB 2207: Government and Veterans Affairs Committee (Rep. Kasper, Chairman)**  
recommends **DO PASS** (12 YEAS, 0 NAYS, 2 ABSENT AND NOT VOTING). SB  
2207 was placed on the Fourteenth order on the calendar.