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SB 2421

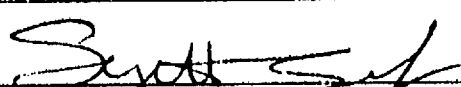
2001 SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE MINUTES

BILL/RESOLUTION NO. SB 2421

Senate Transportation Committee

☐ Conference Committee

Hearing Date 2-8-01

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Committee Clerk Signature 			

Minutes: SB 2421 relates to the aeronautics commission.

Senator Nelson: (District 22; Supports) Basically the only change is to allow the commission to set compensation for meeting fees.

Gary Ness: (Director of Aeronautics Commission; Supports) See attached testimony and pamphlet.

Senator Espgaard: Do you get funds through fuel tax?

Gary Ness: Correct.

Senator Stenehjem: Does the commission set salary?

Gary Ness: Yes, it would be set at \$75.

Hearing closed.

Committee reopened on SB 2421. Senator O'Connell moves the amendment. Seconded by

Senator Bercier. Roll Call taken. 6-0-0. Senator Espgaard moves to Do Pass as amended.

Seconded by Senator Trenbeath. Roll Call taken. 6-0-0. Floor Carrier is Senator O'Connell.

FISCAL NOTE

Requested by Legislative Council
01/30/2001

Bill/Resolution No.: SB 2421

Amendment to:

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.*

	1999-2001 Biennium		2001-2003 Biennium		2003-2005 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.*

1999-2001 Biennium			2001-2003 Biennium			2003-2005 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.*

Fiscal impact less than \$5,000.00

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:	Gary R. Ness	Agency:	Aeronautics Commission
Phone Number:	328-9655	Date Prepared:	01/31/2001

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Sen. O'Connell

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

REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE (410)
February 9, 2001 11:33 a.m.

Module No: SR-24-2848
Carrier: O'Connell
Insert LC: 10794.0101 Title: .0200

REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE

SB 2421: Transportation Committee (Sen. Stenehjem, Chairman) recommends AMENDMENTS AS FOLLOWS and when so amended, recommends DO PASS (6 YEAS, 0 NAYS, 0 ABSENT AND NOT VOTING). SB 2421 was placed on the Sixth order on the calendar.

Page 1, line 16, replace "In an amount fixed by the commission" with "of seventy-five dollars"

Renumber accordingly

2001 HOUSE TRANSPORTATION

SB 2421

2001 HOUSE STANDING COMMITTEE MINUTES

BILL/RESOLUTION NO. SB 2421

House Transportation Committee

☐ Conference Committee

Hearing Date March 1, 2001

Tape Number	Side A	Side B	Meter #
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Committee Clerk Signature <i>Lauren L. Gent.</i>			

Minutes: Rep. Weisz - Chairman opened the hearing on HB 2421; A BILL for an Act to amend and reenact section 2-0501 of the North Dakota Century code, relating to the aeronautics commission.

Sen. Gary Nelson: I represent the 22nd District in the State Senate. I am the sponsor of SB 2421 and I appear today in support of this bill. It is a very simple bill as you can see. I was contacted by a member of the Aeronautics Commission who thought the number of years he had been on the commission --- receiving \$20 a day --- perhaps it was time we take a look at what that amount of compensation should be to the members of the commission. When I introduced the bill I left it to the discretion of the commission to set own compensation. The Senate Committee didn't feel comfortable with that -- so they put \$75 per day in -- rather than leaving to the discretion of the Commission. That is all that the bill does. The other changes are grammatical and updating language.

Rep. Weisz - Chairman (4529) How often does the Commission meet?

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House Transportation Committee

Bill/Resolution Number SB 2421

Hearing Date March 1, 2001

Sen. Nelson: Gary Ness is here. He can respond to that -- I am not sure.

Gary Ness: (4620) I am ND Aeronautics Commission Director. Mr. Ness prepared written remarks attached here.

Rep. Weisz - Chairman (4935) closed the hearing on receipt of any further testimony on SB 2421 as there was one wishing to testify for or against SB 2421.

Rep. Carlson: I move a 'Do pass' on HB 2421.

Rep. Kelsch: I move a second to that motion.

On Roll call vote the motion carried; 11 yeas 0 nays 3 absent.

Rep. Ruby was designated to carry the bill on the floor.

Date: 3/01/01
Roll Call Vote #:

2001 HOUSE STANDING COMMITTEE ROLL CALL VOTES
BILL/RESOLUTION NO. S B 2421

House Transportation Committee

☐ Subcommittee on _____
or
☐ Conference Committee

Legislative Council Amendment Number _____

Action Taken Do Pass

Motion Made By Rep Carlson Seconded By Rep Kelsch

Representatives	Yes	No	Representatives	Yes	No
Robin Weisz - Chairman	✓		Howard Grunbo	✓	
Chet Pollert - Vice Chairman	✓		John Mahoney	A	
Al Carlson	✓		Arlo E. Schmidt	✓	
Mark A. Dosch	✓		Elwood Thorpe	✓	
Kathy Hawken	A				
Roxanne Jensen	✓				
RaeAnn G. Kelsch	✓				
Clara Sue Price	A				
Dan Ruby	✓				
Laurel Thoreson	✓				

Total (Yes) 11 No 0

Absent 3

Floor Assignment Rep. Ruby

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

REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE (410)
March 1, 2001 12:06 p.m.

Module No: HR-35-4591
Carrier: Ruby
Insert LC: . Title: .

REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE

SB 2421: Transportation Committee (Rep. Weisz, Chairman) recommends DO PASS
(11 YEAS, 0 NAYS, 3 ABSENT AND NOT VOTING). SB 2421 was placed on the
Fourteenth order on the calendar.

2001 TESTIMONY

SB 2421

SB-2421

February 8, 2001

Senate Transportation Committee

Senator Robert Stenehjem, Chairman

Senator Tom Trenbeath, Vice-Chair

Testimony by;

Gary R. Ness, Director

Aeronautics Commission

The Commission members have been debating making this request to the Legislative body for several sessions. The discussion was again held on Dec 10th, at the last Commission meeting held in Bismarck. The decision was made to ask Senator Nelson if he would sponsor a Bill to increase the meeting fees. This requested increase is the first for the Commission since its creation in the original legislative action of the 1947 session.

The Commission normally meets four times a year. The early summer meeting is considered the **Grant Meeting**. At this gathering we typically host about 20 to 30 communities that are asking for funding for airport projects across the State.

The funding of requests typically exceed \$2,000,000.00 with about \$500,000.00 to fund the requests, this is a process that is understandably very difficult. This board takes the challenge on and normally does a remarkable job assigning the \$'s to the projects that compliment the Statewide airport system.

The remaining meeting dates are usually scheduled to deal with regulatory concerns. The ever changing environment in Washington DC keeps us all in a continued state of wonderment and the Commissions input to the national concerns is most important to get onto the record in DC.

This request is presented to the Legislative body with due consideration and when approved will not cause a financial burden on the Commission's budget.

The fiscal affect is 4 meetings x 5 members x \$75.00 x 2 years = \$3,000.00. The funds come from the Aviation Fuel Tax Fund within the agencies budget.

I thank the Committee for its attention.

Robert J. Miller, *Chairman*, Casselton.

Presently a Captain with Northwest Airlines. He is a real estate business owner, manager of the local airport, and active in economic development in the Casselton area. He is a former Air Force pilot and aerial ag applicator. He has been flying 35+ years and has been a member of the Commission since 1985.

Jay B. Lindquist, *Vice Chairman*, Hettinger.

President of Air Dakota Flite, a full service FBO with a strong aerial applicator background. He also has interests in banking, retail and farming. He has been flying for 40+ years and has served on the Commission since 1993.

Cindy K. Schreiber-Bleck, *Secretary*, Wahpeton.

Currently serving as the Executive Director of the North Dakota Agriculture Aviation Association (NDAAA). Cindy is an educator involved at the state and national level with aviation/acrospace programs. Cindy is active in Tri-State Aviation which is involved in many facets of the aviation industry including parts fabrication, warbird restoration and general mechanical services. She is active in the Wahpeton area business and education community and has served on the Commission since 1997.

Maurice E. Cooke, *Member*, Bismarck.

A practicing lawyer who has, since 1980, limited his practice to serving as bond counsel. He is a current multi-engine rated pilot. He started flying at Hettinger in 1952. He served four years as Commander of the North Dakota Wing of the Civil Air Patrol and ten years as Civil Air Patrol's National Legal Officer. He also served as Chairman of Prairie Public Broadcasting. Maurice was appointed to the Commission in 1999.

Dianne L. Herr, *Member*, Turtle Lake.

This U.S. Postmaster is an active private pilot, Vice President of the ND Chapter of the 99's, member of the North Dakota Pilots Association, and EAA. Dianne is very active in community affairs but finds time for Young Eagles and organizing a well-attended fly-in at the local airport. Dianne has served on the Commission since 1998.

NORTH DAKOTA

AERONAUTICS COMMISSION

... a statewide voice for aviation

AGENCY VISION:

To encourage an unencumbered business climate and to foster a positive evolution of the industry.

AGENCY MISSION:

To provide at the highest priority, economic and technical assistance to insure an orderly and cost effective support system that enables the advancement of the state's aviation system.

AGENCY PHILOSOPHY:

The state aviation system is an attractive front door to our state's economic growth. To ensure this growth, the system needs continual enhancement with state-of-the-art technology. With this goal, continued flexibility and responsiveness by the Aeronautics Commission will fulfill the needs of the aviation community. Continued close communication with the national scene through congressional offices, Federal Aviation Administration and other national aviation associations is necessary. Continuing to consult with the state's aviation community through the North Dakota Aviation Council and its affiliated members is of the utmost importance. These lines of communication will retain and strengthen the positive direction and effort of the Aeronautics Commission into the future.

The Aeronautics Commission celebrated its 50th birthday in July 1997. In 1947, the state had 59 municipal airports and 121 grass strips. Today, we have 92 municipal airports and 220+ registered grass strips. The goal set by the agency in the middle 50's was to have a minimum of one hard surfaced airport in every county. There are only ten counties without a paved airport. Out of that, only five counties do not have a public airport facility.

COMMISSION GOALS:

- Promote competitive scheduled air service.
- Continue to provide a computerized satellite weather system to the aviation community.
- Sponsor legislation to provide grants for airport maintenance and educational programs.
- Continue partnership with aviation interest within the state and the North Dakota Aviation Council.
- Continue to communicate the state's required standards and regulations at the federal level.
- Continue the effort of planning to insure the viability of the State Airport System Plan.
- Publish the state airport directory and aeronautical chart to facilitate flight planning and safety.

AVIATION FACTS ABOUT NORTH DAKOTA:

- \$585 million of aviation economic impact occurs annually.
- 8,700 jobs are attributed to aviation activity.
- 1,700 based aircraft, helicopters, and ultralight vehicles.
- 3,000 licensed pilots.
- 92 public-use airports have 57 aviation businesses based on them.
- 200 rural private grass airfields.
- 6 airline services in North Dakota: Northwest, United Express-Great Lakes, United Express-Atlantic Coast, United Express-Air Wisconsin, Northwest AirlinK-Mesaba, and Big Sky offering 84 daily flights.
- 197 spray businesses operate in North Dakota utilizing 320 aircraft and helicopters.
- 80,000 tons of air freight are flown annually into North Dakota's commercial airports.

For assistance in your aviation project,
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