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2003 HOUSE APPROPRIATIONS

HB 1001

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2003 HOUSE STANDING COMMITTEE MINUTES

BILL/RESOLUTION NO. 1001

House Appropriations Committee
Education and Environment Division

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Hearing Date January 31, 2003

Tape Number	Side A	Side B	Meter #
1	X		
Committee Clerk Signature <i>Celste Keller</i>			

Minutes:

Chairman Martinson opened the hearing on HB 1001. All members of the committee were present with the exception of Representative Brusegaard and Representative Aarsvold.

Wes Belter, District 22 and chairman of Legislative Council, introduced HB 1001 which deals with the budget for Legislative Council and Legislative Assembly. Both budget proposals represent a reduction over the past biennium. Testimony was turned over to John Olsrud.

John Olsrud, Director of Legislative Council, testified regarding the budget requests for Legislative Assembly and Legislative Council. See attached testimony.

Rep. Wald What do we pay the Council State Government (CSG)?

Olsrud I do not know. The Council State Government includes all branches of government. There is a flat amount. We participate, but we don't pay separate dues.

Rep. Wald Is that in the OMB budget?

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Olsrud Yes. I get a letter each year that is sent to the director of OMB asking for the dues, but I don't remember what that is.

Rep. Wald I would ask Jim Smith or Joe from OMB to give us a list of all of the agencies that belong to CSG and how much we pay by agency.

Jim Smith In the OMB appropriation bill, SB 2015, they include the amounts for the various dues and memberships for the Council State Governments for next biennium. It's \$138,500.

Chairman Martinson Does that include all of the agencies?

Smith Right.

Rep. Wald SB 2015?

Smith Right.

Chairman Martinson Why are you having a difficult time filling positions? Is it the amount that you are willing to pay? How long have they been open?

Olsrud They have probably been vacant for more than 2 years. We decided at the end of the 2001 session not to make an offer to the temporary people who had worked at that time. It is a combination of things including looking for people with experience. Saying it is strictly compensation and adding dollars to our appropriation is sensitive because we don't want to upset current employees. The Legislative Council and Legislative Assembly is a small branch. If someone gets sick for a day, operations are shut down in that area, and that is not a good position to be in. It is more finding the skills than the pay.

Rep. Guleson On related legislation, it talks about SB 2294 which requires to reconvene each even numbered year for budget adjustment purposes. Is this a bill about annual sessions?

Olsrud I think that used to be called the Senator Redlin bill, which has been revived.

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Rep. Wald I am amazed at the quality of people you hire. It never ceases to amaze me the amount of work they crank out when we are in session, particularly in appropriations. Can you meet the salary requirements to keep these people? Is that an issue that needs to be looked at?

Olsrud Turnover is always difficult with a small operation such as we have because we are relying on so few people to do multi tasks. We had a lot of applicants for our fiscal positions this time, which has a lot to do with the economy. I can't say we have difficulty finding people, because there are a lot of people looking for jobs today. We will always have trouble, particularly in the fiscal area, with salaries because the executive branch looks at our people. We have had some amazing success stories. We have to accept the fact that we probably are going to lose people when there are major openings.

Rep. Wald John, can you share those various line items with us, your breakdown?

Olsrud I gave the clerk a copy of that.

Chairman Martinson closed the hearing on HB 1001.

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House Appropriations Committee
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Hearing Date February 14, 2003

Tape Number	Side A	Side B	Meter #
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Minutes:

Chairman Martinson opened the hearing on HB 1001. All members of the committee were present. There was not a subcommittee on HB 1001. Chairman Martinson went through the amendments, see attached.

Rep. Brusegaard I move the amendments.

Rep. Monson Second.

Chairman Martinson Is there any discussion?

A voice vote was taken on the proposed amendments and the motion carried.

Chairman Martinson We have the amended bill before us.

Rep. Brusegaard I would move a do pass as amended on HB 1001.

Chairman Martinson Is there a second?

Rep. Monson Second.

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Chairman Martinson Is there any discussion? Asked the clerk to call the roll.

ROLL CALL VOTES ON A DO PASS AS AMENDED

7 YES 0 NO 0 ABSENT

Chairman Martinson asked Rep. Brusegaard to take that and closed the hearing on HB 1001.

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BILL/RESOLUTION NO. HB 1001

House Appropriations Committee

☐ Conference Committee

Hearing Date 02-14-03

Tape Number	Side A	Side B	Meter #
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Committee Clerk Signature <i>Chris J. Nyberg</i>			

Minutes:

Chairman Svedjan Opened HB 1001 for discussion. A quorum was present.

Rep. Brusegaard I move amendments .0102 to HB 1001. 2nd by Rep. Martinson.

Rep. Kempenich Salaries are the problem, that's the reason for it being tough retaining legal counsel?

Rep. Delzer Is there any classification changes?

Rep. Brusegaard They aren't classified positions.

Motion Carries

Rep. Brusegaard I move a Do Pass As Amended. 2nd by Rep. Wald.

Rep. Warner What is the cut of IT?

Rep. Skarphol Lack of need for new computers for the legislators.

Motion Carries 21-1-1. Rep. Brusegaard will carry this bill.

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Prepared by the Legislative Council staff for
Representative Martinson
February 14, 2003

PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO HOUSE BILL NO. 1001

Page 1, line 19, replace "4,814,953" with "4,919,435"

Page 1, line 22, replace "7,066,926" with "7,171,406"

Page 1, line 23, replace "15,702,253" with "15,806,735"

Renumber accordingly

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE OF AMENDMENT:

House Bill No. 1001 - Summary of House Action

	EXECUTIVE BUDGET	HOUSE CHANGES	HOUSE VERSION
Legislative Assembly			
Total all funds	\$8,635,327	\$0	\$8,635,327
Less estimated income			
General fund	\$8,635,327	\$0	\$8,635,327
Legislative Council			
Total all funds	\$7,066,926	\$104,482	\$7,171,408
Less estimated income			
General fund	\$7,066,926	\$104,482	\$7,171,408
Bill Total			
Total all funds	\$15,702,253	\$104,482	\$15,806,735
Less estimated income			
General fund	\$15,702,253	\$104,482	\$15,806,735

House Bill No. 1001 - Legislative Council - House Action

	EXECUTIVE BUDGET	HOUSE CHANGES	HOUSE VERSION
Salaries and wages	\$4,814,953	\$104,482	\$4,919,435
Operating expenses	2,224,973		2,224,973
Capital assets	27,000		27,000
Total all funds	\$7,066,926	\$104,482	\$7,171,408
Less estimated income			
General fund	\$7,066,926	\$104,482	\$7,171,408
FTE	33.00	0.00	33.00

Dept. 160 - Legislative Council - Detail of House Changes

	REMOVES RECOMMENDED SALARY INCREASE ¹	ADDS FUNDING FOR EQUITY ADJUSTMENTS	TOTAL HOUSE CHANGES
Salaries and wages	(\$45,518)	\$150,000	\$104,482
Operating expenses			
Capital assets			
Total all funds	(\$45,518)	\$150,000	\$104,482
Less estimated income			
General fund	(\$45,518)	\$150,000	\$104,482
FTE	0.00	0.00	0.00

¹ This amendment removes the Governor's recommendation for state employee salary increases and retains the recommended state payment for health insurance premiums.

Date: February 14, 2003
Roll Call Vote #: 1

2003 HOUSE STANDING COMMITTEE ROLL CALL VOTES
BILI/RESOLUTION NO. 1001

House Appropriations Education and Environment Committee

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Legislative Council Amendment Number LC # 30279.0102

Action Taken Do Pass As Amended

Motion Made By Rep. Brusegaard Seconded By Rep. Monson

Representatives	Yes	No	Representatives	Yes	No
Rep. Martinson	X				
Rep. Brusegaard	X				
Rep. Monson	X				
Rep. Rennerfeldt	X				
Rep. Wald	X				
Rep. Aarsvold	X				
Rep. Gulleason	X				

Total (Yes) 7 No 0

Absent 0

Floor Assignment Rep. Brusegaard

If the vote is on an amendment, briefly indicate intent: See Proposed Amendments.

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REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE (410)
February 17, 2003 9:53 a.m.

Module No: HR-30-2875
Carrier: Brusegaard
Insert LC: 30279.0102 Title: .0200

REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE

HB 1001: Appropriations Committee (Rep. Svedjan, Chairman) recommends AMENDMENTS AS FOLLOWS and when so amended, recommends DO PASS (21 YEAS, 1 NAY, 1 ABSENT AND NOT VOTING). HB 1001 was placed on the Sixth order on the calendar.

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Operating expenses			
Capital assets			
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Less estimated income			

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HR-30-2875

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REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE (410)
February 17, 2003 9:55 a.m.

Module No: HR-30-2875
Carrier: Brusgaard
Insert LC: 30279.0102 Title: .0200

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FTE	0.00	0.00	0.00

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2003 SENATE APPROPRIATIONS

HB 1001

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2003 SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE MINUTES

BILL/RESOLUTION NO. HB 1001

Senate Appropriations Committee

☐ Conference Committee

Hearing Date March 14, 2003

Tape Number	Side A	Side B	Meter #
#1	X		0 3723
Committee Clerk Signature <i>Jan Henderson</i>			

Minutes:

Senator Holmberg, Chairman called the meeting to order, attendance was called.

HB 1001 Legislative Council and the Legislative Assembly.

Wesley Belter, Representative from District 22, Chairman of the Legislative Council. No written testimony. He introduced the Legislative budget, HB 1001.

John D. Olsrud (#147) Director, North Dakota Legislative Council. His written testimony is Exhibit #1 which is attached to these minutes. The appropriation for the Legislative Assembly is about \$8.6 million from the general fund, about 5% or \$435,000 less than the current biennium. This is the amount considered necessary for a 77 legislative day or a 108 calendar day regular session next time in 2005. The average in the past few years has been 72 days. Since 1993, the longest the legislative has met has been 77 days and the shortest has been 66 days. The constitution allows for 80 legislative day session and if that happens, the Council will advise you as to just where they are in the current biennium. The salary and wage items is \$5.5 million

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which includes legislative pay for about 70 employees. The legislators compensation is \$125 per day, with chairman and legislative leaders receiving slightly more. Legislators' monthly compensation of \$250 per month and additional \$250 per month for the majority and minority leaders. Health insurance for 133 legislators, which that number changes - right now the number is 126. Wages have been reduced by \$189,000 because there are 6 fewer legislators this session, because of redistricting. Operating expenses are about \$3 million which includes Legislator's travel; Lodging costs; Data processing costs; Information technology equipment, consulting services (there is a \$200,000 for hiring a consultant to analyze the Legislative Assembly's bill drafting system, which needs to be replaced. Mr Olsrud went on to explain the problems with the present bill drafting system (these figures can be found in exhibit #1). He continued with what needs to be done on the computer system. He explained about the main frame bill status system that has been in place since 1969, and how they have to go to a more modern system. They are relying on a hand full of people who know this system to keep it going. As they people retire, etc, there will no longer be anyone who knows about this system. The people coming out of the colleges today with computer degrees are not learning about main frame systems. These systems have to be replaced and it is going to cost money. He continued with the telephone, telecommunications and networking charges and the professional services for secretarial services, etc. Capital Assets is for miscellaneous equipment replacement needs. National Conference of State Legislatures is up slightly, these services are used by the smaller states to help in the legislative process. The Legislative Council is requesting approximately \$7.2 million from the general fund which is \$201,994 or 3% less than the 2001-03 . The FTE positions is the same as last biennium, 33. There are 2 openings now for support staff in the computer section.

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Salaries & wages line item is approximately \$4.9 million. The operating expenses line item is approximately \$2.2 million (figures can be found in his written testimony) He stated that the House added \$98,000 to HB 1022 for the Legislative Council for hiring an information technology analysts or contracting firm for analysts services. It is not in this budget.

Questions: (#1518)

Senator Robinson: There has been several changes in the past few years, is part of the problem your inability to track, recruit and retain? **Mr. Olsrud** replied that it was difficult to answer, it is the fiscal staff that is hard to keep. The executive branch is the competition for the fiscal staff, the rest of the staff is pretty stable. State agencies want to hire the people from Legislative Council because they know the process, etc. and so it becomes extremely difficult to keep fiscal staff. It will always be a problem, because agencies will always want our top fiscal staff people.

Senator Mathern: He wanted to know if funding for the main frame was in this budget? **Mr. Olsrud** stated that they all of the main frame programs were funded, they were not asking for money to totally new system. They would have to ask for millions. **Senator Mathern** continued about what would happened when these handful of people are no longer here. He was just wondering why the switch was done. **Mr. Olsrud** replied that the problem is that they have this integrated system, if they wanted to replace the entire system and have a integrated system so that everything is tied together, he wasn't even sure if they could find a consulting firm or someone to come in and do that, because it is so complicated and it has been patched together. What they are purposing is to take this step by step. They know that if they take this bill drafting system, we will be back in 2005 for a substantial amount for that one program. Maybe if we get the money for the consultant, he could take a look at this and tell us what we should do, but he wasn't sure

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that could be done. Everyone seems to have the same patch work system so there isn't just one place where we can go and purchase the program that it is needed. **Senator Bowman:** Do you consult with ITD? Can they supply the answers, etc. that is needed. **Mr. Olsrud** replied that they did work with ITD, they rely very much on them but there are problems there also with keeping good people, again the salary issue. They can't help us very much because the people they hire are not familiar with main frame systems. **Senator Bowman** continued that if the updates are done then wouldn't the ITD be able to help? **Mr. Olsrud** couldn't answer the question fully, since most of the technology was way over his head. They will certainly use them but they won't be able to do everything for them. **Senator Grindberg:** When the legislative chamber was given new chairs, carpet, etc, what budget did that come out of? **Mr. Olsrud** replied that he couldn't remember if it was carry over money or what. If there has been 65 day sessions, the legislature has said that money can be carried over to the next biennium. That money is then used, usually, for carpet, chairs, etc. It would be in the Legislative council budget. **Senator Mathern:** He was concerned that there was not the request for the bigger change. He felt that they needed to have the best technology in order to provide the best service. He was concerned about the idea that the system is hanging together by "bailing wire" and only a few people know how this system works and they could be leaving at any time. **Mr. Olsrud** stated that he would look at what the figures were 4 years ago, vendors were brought in, a lot of them specialize in business, not state government. To find the right person who will understand what they need is difficult, but he could certainly get the historical information for the committee. **Senator Krauter:** Would like a short memo following up on **Senator Grindberg's** question regarding where the funding came from for the several things they did a few years ago. **Mr.**

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Olsrud said they could get that for them. **Senator Robinson:** He was wondering if they shouldn't budget so many dollars each biennium for upkeep, etc. If these rooms are the responsibility of the legislative council then shouldn't we be doing something on a plan. Not waiting until the need is in the thousands of dollars just to catch up. These rooms are not in bad shape but it is the showcase for North Dakota and these rooms are used a lot and if there was a schedule and it was rotated so that every year there was something being done to keep them updated. **Senator Andrist:** He wanted to congratulate the council on how advanced the computer system have been over the years, he wanted to know if they should look at getting rid of some of the things that can be done on the computers, like the secretarial services, is there a need to give journals to everyone anymore, printing of notices of hearing, plus putting them on e-mail also, which is doubling up on things. **Mr. Olsrud** stated that on the legislative branch has really taken advantage of technology, the number of employees has been reduced to 70-75. The reduction in printing is also great. There used to be up to 12 people in the bill room, now there is only 5, of course this service is now contracted out. They have been very good at reducing the number of employees needed to do these services. There may come a time when the secretarial services will no longer be needed, however the telephone services will still be needed. They aren't reducing the amount of money they spend, because technology is very expensive, but technology has save time, and if there wasn't technology the legislature would not be done in 80 days. That is where the savings come in. **Senator Lindaas:** He disagreed with **Senator Andrist** about the elimination of the Secretarial staff, he felt they were very much needed. He uses them and appreciates them.

With no other testimony before the committee on HB 1001, the hearing was closed. (#3723)

2003 SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE MINUTES

BILL/RESOLUTION NO. HB 1001 Vote

Senate Appropriations Committee

☐ Conference Committee

Hearing Date April 7, 2003

Tape Number	Side A	Side B	Meter #
1	X		0-2030
Committee Clerk Signature <i>Jan Lundmark</i>			

Minutes:

Senator Holmberg, Chairman called the meeting to order, attendance was called.

The committee was asked to draw their attention to HB 1001.

Senator Aaron Krauter asked the committee to turn to page 2 and explained the amendments stating Dept. 150 is the Legislative Assembly and Dept. 160 is the Legislative Council. Changes made with Dept. 150 include reduction in the health insurance, the reduction of the 4% in the information technology and adds \$30,000 to replace the tables and chairs in the Brynhild Haugland Room and the guest chairs in the 2 Chambers and the Great Hall. It was felt it was important to continue the respect for the process and the people of North Dakota. The three changes for Dept. 160 include removing the \$150,000 salary equity adjustments that were added by the House committee, the state health insurance and the 4% for the technology.

Senator Krauter made a motion to move the amendment #30279.0203.

Senator Robinsen (#390) second the motion.

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Discussion was held in regards to the salary equity adjustment, how things conspired and the concerns of cutting their agencies salary adjustments.

Senator Robinson asked what was happening with the legislative travel budget.

Senator Holmberg referred to the hand out from John Olsrud's testimony that broke down the items including the legislative travel. It is \$61,000 higher in this budget, but there is an overall reduction with the senate amendments from what the house passed.

Senator Tim Matherne stated his concerns that the senate had lowered the salary adjustment rates and then the House raised the amounts so was there something missed and therefore the quality of their technology might not be what it should be. He questioned Jim Smith about this need.

Jim Smith responded the goal in developing the legislative assembly appropriation was to come within 95% of the current appropriation. The house looked at the senate salaries and decided that with turn overs and retirements, the house felt something should be done.

Senator Matherne asked if there are losses in specific professions within the legislative staff.

Jim Smith respond that specifically 3 advisors of the fiscal staff had left in the last 3 - 3 1/2 years.

Senator Russell Thane asked about the travel budget and why there was more allowed for travel.

Jim Smith responded the increase was needed because there is a significant amount of legislators attending out of state meeting and the projected numbers expected for interim meetings/studies.

A voice vote was taken indicating acceptance of the amendment.

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Senator Kranter made a motion for a Do Pass as Amended of HB 1001.

Senator Bill Bowman second the motion.

Roll call vote #1 was taken indicating 13 YEAS, 0 NAYS, AND 1 ABSENT OR NOT VOTING.

Senator Kranter will carry HB 1001.

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Prepared by the Legislative Council staff for
Senator Grindberg
April 4, 2003

PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO ENGROSSED HOUSE BILL NO. 1001

Page 1, line 12, replace "5,496,604" with "5,482,878"
Page 1, line 13, replace "2,965,199" with "2,922,920"
Page 1, line 16, replace "8,635,327" with "8,579,322"
Page 1, line 19, replace "4,913,435" with "4,766,029"
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Renumber accordingly

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE OF AMENDMENT:

House Bill No. 1001 - Summary of Senate Action

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Legislative Assembly				
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Less estimated income				
General fund	\$8,635,327	\$8,635,327	(\$56,005)	\$8,579,322
Legislative Council				
Total all funds	\$7,086,926	\$7,171,408	(\$185,523)	\$6,985,885
Less estimated income				
General fund	\$7,086,926	\$7,171,408	(\$185,523)	\$6,985,885
Bill Total				
Total all funds	\$15,702,253	\$15,806,735	(\$241,528)	\$15,565,207
Less estimated income				
General fund	\$15,702,253	\$15,806,735	(\$241,528)	\$15,565,207

House Bill No. 1001 - Legislative Assembly - Senate Action

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Salaries and wages	\$5,496,604	\$5,496,604	(\$13,726)	\$5,482,878
Operating expenses	2,965,199	2,965,199	(42,279)	2,922,920
Capital assets	6,000	6,000		6,000
National Conference of State Legislatures	167,524	167,524		167,524
Total all funds	\$8,635,327	\$8,635,327	(\$56,005)	\$8,579,322
Less estimated income				
General fund	\$8,635,327	\$8,635,327	(\$56,005)	\$8,579,322
FTE	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00

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	REDUCES RECOMMENDED FUNDING FOR HEALTH INSURANCE 1	REDUCES FUNDING FOR INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY COSTS 2	ADDS FUNDING FOR EQUIPMENT 3	TOTAL SENATE CHANGES
Salaries and wages	(\$13,728)			(\$13,728)
Operating expenses		(\$72,279)	\$30,000	(42,279)
Capital assets				
National Conference of State Legislatures				
Total all funds	(\$13,728)	(\$72,279)	\$30,000	(\$56,005)
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Operating expenses	2,224,973	2,224,973	(32,117)	2,192,856
Capital assets	27,000	27,000		27,000
Total all funds	\$7,066,026	\$7,171,408	(\$185,523)	\$6,985,885
Less estimated income				
General fund	\$7,066,026	\$7,171,408	(\$185,523)	\$6,985,885
FTE	33.00	33.00	0.00	33.00

Dept. 160 - Legislative Council - Detail of Senate Changes

	REMOVES EQUITY ADJUSTMENT FUNDING 1	REDUCES RECOMMENDED FUNDING FOR HEALTH INSURANCE 2	REDUCES FUNDING FOR INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY COSTS 3	TOTAL SENATE CHANGES
Salaries and wages	(\$150,000)	(\$3,406)		(\$153,406)
Operating expenses			(\$32,117)	(32,117)
Capital assets				
Total all funds	(\$150,000)	(\$3,406)	(\$32,117)	(\$185,523)
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vote on
amendment
motion

Date: 4-7-03
Roll Call Vote #: 1

2003 SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE ROLL CALL VOTES
BILL/RESOLUTION NO. 1001

Senate Appropriations Committee

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Legislative Council Amendment Number 30279.0203 / 0300

Action Taken Do Pass as amended

Motion Made By Krauter Seconded By Bowman

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

Total (Yes) 13 No 0

Absent 1

Floor Assignment Krauter

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

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REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE (410)
April 7, 2003 1:18 p.m.

Module No: SR-62-6990
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REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE

HB 1001, as engrossed: Appropriations Committee (Sen. Holmberg, Chairman) recommends AMENDMENTS AS FOLLOWS and when so amended, recommends DO PASS (13 YEAS, 0 NAYS, 1 ABSENT AND NOT VOTING). Engrossed HB 1001 was placed on the Sixth order on the calendar.

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2003 HOUSE APPROPRIATIONS

CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

HB 1001

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2003 HOUSE STANDING COMMITTEE MINUTES

BILL/RESOLUTION NO. 1001

House Appropriations Committee
Education and Environment Division

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Hearing Date April 10, 2003

Tape Number	Side A	Side B	Meter #
1		X	14.1
Committee Clerk Signature <i>Celste Keller</i>			

Minutes:

Chairman Martinson opened the conference committee on HB 1001, defraying the expenses of the legislative branch. All members of the conference committee were present with the exception of Senator Christmann. Chairman Martinson asked the Senate to explain their amendments.

Senator Grindberg There are three basic changes. One is the adjustment for the health insurance premium for legislators, second is the 4% reduction for information technology, and third, we directed roll over funds within our legislative assembly budget in the amount of \$30,000 to replace the furniture and chairs in the Brynhild Haugland Room and the guest chairs in the Great Hall and the chambers. Our position on that was that those two rooms need to be updated.

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Rep. Brusegaard Do you have any information as to how long it has been since the chairs were replaced or the furniture in the Brynhild Haugland Room was replaced? What is the standard equipment replacement?

Senator Grindberg I don't have the answer to that. I think one can gather from walking in that it doesn't sell very well or look very good to the public when you have a room that is drastically outdated with furniture.

Allen, Legislative Council I am not sure, I would have to do some checking.

Senator Krauter We previously redid the carpeting in the chambers, the chairs, the sound system, and voting boards, which was done similar to this type of a situation. Dollars not used in some legislative sessions were used for that. There is not a scientific method of years and times of doing these types of things. From a management point of view, if you look at what we've done in the chambers, we've tried to keep the beauty of the chambers for the people. Recently, when you look at the Brynhild Haugland Room and you look at some of the padded chairs, they are torn and the cushions that are on the wooden chairs are torn or badly matted. It also mentions replacing guest chairs for the chambers and the Great Hall. In the Senate we use the metal chairs on the carts a lot for guests and it is so cumbersome and noisy. We included those in there thinking it is the time that we need to let legislative management take a look at what we can do to make some changes. Along with that thought process, maybe in the next biennium we need to look at some of these committee rooms and the chairs we have in them. It is an ongoing process with the legislative wing.

Rep. Brusegaard Was there anything significant to the timing?

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Senator Krauter We need to keep this stuff looking good because pretty soon it is going to be so tattered that it is going to cost more.

Chairman Martinson You didn't mention the \$150,000 for equity adjustments that you took out. The reason we put that in is Office of Management and Budget treat themselves pretty well up there. Their fiscal people are substantially higher than ours are in legislative council. It appears that as soon as they realized that there weren't going to be salary increases for the next biennium they gave themselves raises. The salaries were given in January about the same time we were talking about salary freezes. Apparently there is a bit of a feud, at least coming from one direction, that they don't want to have anybody paid more than they get or even equal to what they get. We are pretty adamant about narrowing the gap somewhat. That is not just for fiscal people, but it is also for attorney people. We are going to stay pretty firm on that.

Senator Krauter From Senate discussions, this was not in the recommendation that the legislative council put forward. If it was important for the person who put the budget together, they should have put it in there. Equity is an issue for all state employees. I agree with you, it looks suspicious at those times when raises were given. The Senate's decision was based on the fact that it wasn't presented by legislative council as a request in the budget.

Chairman Martinson These are the people that work for us. They work just as hard as the people in OMB. I went up and talked to John Olsrud, and I like John Olsrud, but he would never be the one that would come down here and say I want more money. He is not like that and that is to his credit. If you wait for John Olsrud to come down and ask for a salary increase, we will be here for a long time. That is where we are coming from and we are not going to move off that position.

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Senator Krauter Defining the \$150,000, where did you come up with that number? Is there a formula or is it just a number that you arrived at?

Chairman Martinson That was the amount that I asked legislative council to come up with. They will still be under OMB people, but that will at least give them some parity. I can't tell you exactly how much everybody would get. If you want to think about it that's fine, but we are not budging.

Chairman Martinson adjourned the conference committee on HB 1001, defraying the expenses of the legislative branch.

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2003 HOUSE STANDING COMMITTEE MINUTES

BILL/RESOLUTION NO. 1001

House Appropriations Committee
Education and Environment Division

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Hearing Date April 14, 2003

Tape Number	Side A	Side B	Meter #
1	X		1.6
Committee Clerk Signature <i>Celste Keller</i>			

Minutes:

Chairman Martinson called the conference committee on HB 1001, defraying the expenses of the legislative branch, to order. All members of the conference committee were present.

Chairman Martinson Where are we?

Senator Grindberg I think we are still cultivating your words and feelings from our last meeting. We have not taken it much further.

Chairman Martinson adjourned the conference committee on HB 1001, defraying the expenses of the legislative branch.

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BILL/RESOLUTION NO. 1001

House Appropriations Committee
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Hearing Date April 18, 2003

Tape Number	Side A	Side B	Meter #
1	X		6.3
Committee Clerk Signature <i>Celeste Kallier</i>			

Minutes:

Chairman Martinson opened the conference committee on HB 1001, defraying the expenses of the legislative branch. All members of the conference committee were present with the exception of Senator Christmann.

Senator Grindberg I move to recess.

Chairman Martinson adjourned the meeting on HB 1001, defraying the expenses of the legislative branch.

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2003 HOUSE STANDING COMMITTEE MINUTES

BILL/RESOLUTION NO. 1001

House Appropriations Committee
Education and Environment Division

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Hearing Date April 21, 2003

Tape Number	Side A	Side B	Meter #
1	X		7
Committee Clerk Signature <i>Celeste Keller</i>			

Minutes:

Chairman Martinson opened the conference committee on HB 1001, defraying the expenses of the legislative branch. All members of the conference committee were present.

Senator Grindberg Does anyone have the information how that would be distributed, is there a plan for equity adjustments?

Alan, Legislative Council I would have to talk to John Olsrud. I haven't seen it, but I can get it.

Chairman Martinson I haven't asked him for anything.

Senator Grindberg You'd be comfortable with giving them the money?

Chairman Martinson I would. I have complete trust in these folks.

Senator Krauter With 33 FTE's and you look at the handouts as far as other accounting analyst type people in OMB, I would hope that these equity dollars would get to all 33. I don't have any problem, I think these people do excellent work.

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Chairman Martinson I talked to the director about that and it would be divided. I think they deserve it.

Senator Grindberg moved that the Senate recede from its amendments and Rep. Brusegaard seconded.

Senator Christmann (Inaudible).

Senator Grindberg What the intent was in the meeting with leadership was the 150.

ROLL CALL VOTE THAT THE SENATE RECEDE FROM ITS AMENDMENTS

6 Yes 0 No 0 Absent

Rep. Brusegaard will carry the bill.

Chairman Martinson closed the conference committee on HB 1001, defraying the expenses of the legislative branch.

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Conference Committee
April 21, 2003

Conference Committee Amendments to Engrossed HB 1001 - 04/22/2003

That the Senate recede from its amendments as printed on pages 1353-1355 of the House Journal and pages 1168-1170 of the Senate Journal and that Engrossed House Bill No. 1001 be amended as follows:

Page 1, line 12, replace "5,496,604" with "5,482,878"

Page 1, line 13, replace "2,965,199" with "2,904,850"

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Renumber accordingly

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House Bill No. 1001 - Legislative Assembly - Conference Committee Action

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Dept. 160 - Legislative Assembly - Detail of Conference Committee Changes

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House Bill No. 1001 - Legislative Council - Conference Committee Action

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Operating expenses	2,224,973	2,224,973	(40,146)	2,184,827	2,192,856	(8,029)
Capital assets	27,000	27,000		27,000	27,000	
Total all funds	\$7,066,926	\$7,171,408	(\$43,552)	\$7,127,856	\$6,985,885	\$141,971
Less estimated income						
General fund	\$7,066,926	\$7,171,408	(\$43,552)	\$7,127,856	\$6,985,885	\$141,971
FTE	33.00	33.00	0.00	33.00	33.00	0.00

Dept. 160 - Legislative Council - Detail of Conference Committee Changes

	REDUCES RECOMMENDED FUNDING FOR HEALTH INSURANCE ¹	REDUCES FUNDING FOR INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY COSTS ²	TOTAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE CHANGES
Salaries and wages	(\$3,406)		(\$3,406)
Operating expenses		(\$40,146)	(40,146)
Capital assets			
Total all funds	(\$3,406)	(\$40,146)	(\$43,552)
Less estimated income			
General fund	(\$3,406)	(\$40,146)	(\$43,552)
FTE	0.00	0.00	0.00

¹ Funding for state employee health insurance premiums is reduced from \$483 to \$488.70 per month.

² This amendment reduces funding for information technology by \$40,146 from the general fund, which represents a reduction in information technology funding of approximately 5 percent.

The Conference Committee amendment includes the \$150,000 added by the House for salary equity increases which the Senate removed.

Date: April 21, 2003
Roll Call Vote #: 1

2003 HOUSE STANDING COMMITTEE ROLL CALL VOTES
BILL/RESOLUTION NO. 1001

House Appropriations Education/Environment Division Committee

☒ Check here for Conference Committee

Legislative Council Amendment Number _____

Action Taken SENATE RECEDE FROM ITS AMENDMENTS

Motion Made By Senator Grindberg Seconded By Rep. Brusegaard

Representatives	Yes	No	Representatives	Yes	No
Representative Martinson	X				
Representative Brusegaard	X				
Representative Aarsvold	X				
Senator Grindberg	X				
Senator Christmann	X				
Senator Krauter	X				

Total (Yes) _____ 6 No _____ 0

Absent _____ 0

Floor Assignment Rep. Brusegaard

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

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REPORT OF CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

HB 1001, as engrossed: Your conference committee (Sens. Grindberg, Christmann, Krauter and Reps. Martinson, Brusegaard, Aarsvold) recommends that the **SENATE RECEDE** from the Senate amendments on HJ pages 1353-1355, adopt amendments as follows, and place HB 1001 on the Seventh order:

That the Senate recede from its amendments as printed on pages 1353-1355 of the House Journal and pages 1168-1170 of the Senate Journal and that Engrossed House Bill No. 1001 be amended as follows:

Page 1, line 12, replace "5,496,604" with "5,482,878"

Page 1, line 13, replace "2,965,199" with "2,904,850"

Page 1, line 16, replace "8,635,327" with "8,561,252"

Page 1, line 19, replace "4,919,435" with "4,916,029"

Page 1, line 20, replace "2,224,973" with "2,184,827"

Page 1, line 22, replace "7,171,408" with "7,127,856"

Page 1, line 23, replace "15,806,735" with "15,689,108"

Renumber accordingly

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE OF AMENDMENT:

House Bill No. 1001 - Summary of Conference Committee Action

	EXECUTIVE BUDGET	HOUSE VERSION	CONFERENCE COMMITTEE CHANGES	CONFERENCE COMMITTEE VERSION	SENATE VERSION	COMPARISON TO SENATE
Legislative Assembly						
Total all funds	\$8,635,327	\$8,635,327	(\$74,075)	\$8,561,252	\$8,579,322	(\$18,070)
Less estimated income						
General fund	\$8,635,327	\$8,635,327	(\$74,075)	\$8,561,252	\$8,579,322	(\$18,070)
Legislative Council						
Total all funds	\$7,086,928	\$7,171,408	(\$43,552)	\$7,127,856	\$6,965,665	\$141,971
Less estimated income						
General fund	\$7,086,928	\$7,171,408	(\$43,552)	\$7,127,856	\$6,965,665	\$141,971
BH Total						
Total all funds	\$15,702,253	\$15,806,735	(\$117,627)	\$15,689,108	\$15,565,207	\$123,901
Less estimated income						
General fund	\$15,702,253	\$15,806,735	(\$117,627)	\$15,689,108	\$15,565,207	\$123,901

House Bill No. 1001 - Legislative Assembly - Conference Committee Action

	EXECUTIVE BUDGET	HOUSE VERSION	CONFERENCE COMMITTEE CHANGES	CONFERENCE COMMITTEE VERSION	SENATE VERSION	COMPARISON TO SENATE
Salaries and wages	\$5,496,604	\$5,482,878	(\$13,726)	\$5,482,878	\$5,482,878	
Operating expenses	2,965,199	2,904,850	(60,349)	2,904,850	2,922,920	(\$18,070)
Capital assets	6,000	6,000		6,000	6,000	
National Conference of State Legislatures	167,524	167,524		167,524	167,524	
Total all funds	\$8,635,327	\$8,635,327	(\$74,075)	\$8,561,252	\$8,579,322	(\$18,070)
Less estimated income						

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General fund	\$8,635,327	\$8,635,327	(\$74,075)	\$8,561,252	\$8,579,322	(\$18,070)
FTE	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00

Dept. 150 - Legislative Assembly - Detail of Conference Committee Changes

	REDUCES RECOMMENDED FUNDING FOR HEALTH INSURANCE ¹	REDUCES FUNDING FOR INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY COSTS ²	ADDS FUNDING FOR EQUIPMENT ³	TOTAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE CHANGES
Salaries and wages	(\$13,726)			(\$13,726)
Operating expenses		(\$90,349)	\$30,000	(\$60,349)
Capital assets				
National Conference of State Legislatures				
Total all funds	(\$13,726)	(\$90,349)	\$30,000	(\$74,075)
Less estimated income				
General fund	(\$13,726)	(\$90,349)	\$30,000	(\$74,075)
FTE	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00

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² This amendment reduces funding for information technology by \$90,349 from the general fund, which represents a reduction in information technology funding of approximately 5 percent.

³ This amendment adds funding for replacing tables and chairs for the Brynhild Haugland Room and for replacing guest chairs for the chambers and Great Hall, the same as the Senate version.

House Bill No. 1001 - Legislative Council - Conference Committee Action

	EXECUTIVE BUDGET	HOUSE VERSION	CONFERENCE COMMITTEE CHANGES	CONFERENCE COMMITTEE VERSION	SENATE VERSION	COMPARISON TO SENATE
Salaries and wages	\$4,814,953	\$4,919,435	(\$3,406)	\$4,916,029	\$4,766,029	\$150,000
Operating expenses	2,224,973	2,224,973	(40,146)	2,184,827	2,192,856	(8,029)
Capital assets	27,000	27,000		27,000	27,000	
Total all funds	\$7,066,926	\$7,171,408	(\$43,552)	\$7,127,856	\$6,985,885	\$141,971
Less estimated income						
General fund	\$7,066,926	\$7,171,408	(\$43,552)	\$7,127,856	\$6,985,885	\$141,971
FTE	33.00	33.00	0.00	33.00	33.00	0.00

Dept. 160 - Legislative Council - Detail of Conference Committee Changes

	REDUCES RECOMMENDED FUNDING FOR HEALTH INSURANCE ¹	REDUCES FUNDING FOR INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY COSTS ²	TOTAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE CHANGES
Salaries and wages	(\$3,406)		(\$3,406)
Operating expenses		(\$40,146)	(40,146)
Capital assets			
Total all funds	(\$3,406)	(\$40,146)	(\$43,552)
Less estimated income			
General fund	(\$3,406)	(\$40,146)	(\$43,552)
FTE	0.00	0.00	0.00

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The Conference Committee amendment includes the \$150,000 added by the House for salary equity increases which the Senate removed.

Engrossed HB 1001 was placed on the Seventh order of business on the calendar.

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2003 TESTIMONY
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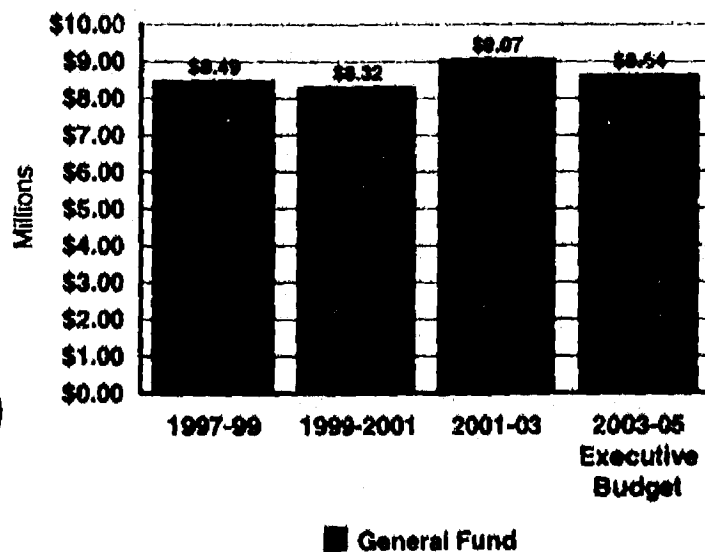
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Department 150 - Legislative Assembly
House Bill No. 1001

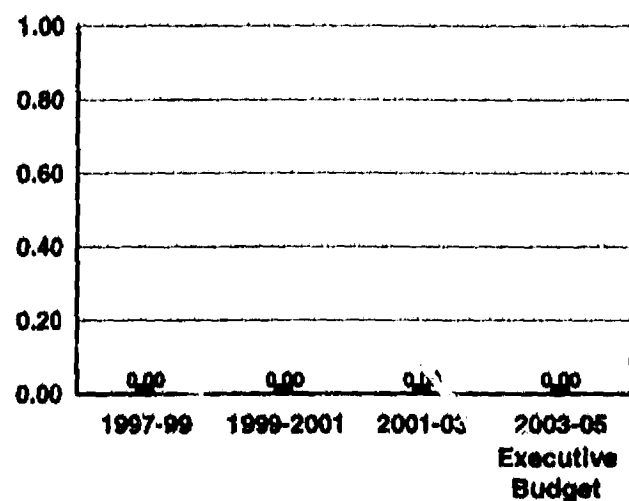
	FTE Positions	General Fund	Other Funds	Total
2003-05 Executive Budget	0.00	\$8,635,327	\$0	\$8,635,327
2001-03 Legislative Appropriations	0.00	9,070,163 ¹	0	9,070,163
Increase (Decrease)	0.00	(\$434,836)	\$0	(\$434,836)

¹ The 2001-03 general fund appropriation is the amount appropriated by the 2001 Legislative Assembly. In July 2002 Governor Hoeven ordered a 1.05 percent budget allotment. Although the legislative branch is not subject to the allotment pursuant to North Dakota Century Code Section 54-44.1-12, depending on the length of the 2003 session, the agency will attempt to turn back 1.05 percent of its 2001-03 general fund appropriation, which would be \$95,237.

Agency Funding



FTE Positions



Executive Budget Highlights

	General Fund	Other Funds	Total
1. Reduces funding relating to the reduction of two legislative districts, from 49 to 47 as approved by the Legislative Assembly during the 2001 special session	(\$225,480)		(\$225,480)
2. Removes funding relating to the 2001 special session for redistricting	(\$199,976)		(\$199,976)
3. Removes funding for the Appropriations Committees to meet for three days before the 2005 regular session	(\$21,726)		(\$21,726)
4. Reduces funding for replacing legislative computer equipment from \$335,800 in the 2001-03 biennium to \$90,000 in the 2003-05 biennium	(\$245,800)		(\$245,800)
5. Adds funding to provide health insurance coverage for 133 legislators, the number of legislators requesting health insurance coverage during the 2001-02 interim	\$147,272		\$147,272
6. Reduces funding for information technology systems and projects, including a reduction of \$317,100 relating to removal of funding for legislative computer systems' rewrites completed in 2001-03, and an increase of \$200,000 to hire a consultant to analyze the Legislative Assembly's bill drafting system which needs to be replaced	(\$146,010)		(\$146,010)

Major Related Legislation

Senate Bill No. 2294 requires the Legislative Assembly to reconvene each even-numbered year for budget adjustment purposes.

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STATEMENT OF PURPOSE OF AMENDMENT:**House Bill No. 1001 - Funding Summary**

	Executive Budget	House Version	Senate Changes	Senate Version
Legislative Assembly				
Salaries and wages	\$5,496,604	\$5,496,604	(\$13,726)	\$5,482,878
Operating expenses	2,965,199	2,965,199	(42,279)	2,922,920
Capital assets	6,000	6,000		6,000
National conference of state legislature	167,524	167,524		167,524
Total all funds	<u>\$8,635,327</u>	<u>\$8,635,327</u>	<u>(\$56,005)</u>	<u>\$8,579,322</u>
Less estimated income	0	0	0	0
General fund	<u>\$8,635,327</u>	<u>\$8,635,327</u>	<u>(\$56,005)</u>	<u>\$8,579,322</u>
FTE	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Legislative Council				
Salaries and wages	\$4,814,953	\$4,919,435	(\$153,406)	\$1,766,029
Operating expenses	2,224,973	2,224,973	(32,117)	2,192,856
Capital assets	27,000	27,000		27,000
Total all funds	<u>\$7,066,926</u>	<u>\$7,171,408</u>	<u>(\$185,523)</u>	<u>\$6,985,885</u>
Less estimated income	0	0	0	0
General fund	<u>\$7,066,926</u>	<u>\$7,171,408</u>	<u>(\$185,523)</u>	<u>\$6,985,885</u>
FTE	33.00	33.00	0.00	33.00
Bill Total				
Total all funds	<u>\$15,702,253</u>	<u>\$15,806,735</u>	<u>(\$241,528)</u>	<u>\$15,565,207</u>
Less estimated income	0	0	0	0
General fund	<u>\$15,702,253</u>	<u>\$15,806,735</u>	<u>(\$241,528)</u>	<u>\$15,565,207</u>
FTE	33.00	33.00	0.00	33.00

House Bill No. 1001 - Legislative Assembly - House Action

The House did not change the executive recommendation for this agency.

House Bill No. 1001 - Legislative Assembly - Senate Action

	Executive Budget	House Version	Senate Changes	Senate Version
Salaries and wages	\$5,496,604	\$5,496,604	(\$13,726)	\$5,482,878
Operating expenses	2,965,199	2,965,199	(42,279)	2,922,920
Capital assets	6,000	6,000		6,000
National conference of state legislature	167,524	167,524		167,524
Total all funds	<u>\$8,635,327</u>	<u>\$8,635,327</u>	<u>(\$56,005)</u>	<u>\$8,579,322</u>
Less estimated income	0	0	0	0
General fund	<u>\$8,635,327</u>	<u>\$8,635,327</u>	<u>(\$56,005)</u>	<u>\$8,579,322</u>
FTE	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00

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Department No. 150 - Legislative Assembly - Detail of Senate Changes

	Reduces Recommended Funding for Health Insurance ¹	Reduces Funding for Information Technology Costs ²	Adds Funding for Equipment ³	Total Senate Changes
Salaries and wages	(\$13,726)			(\$13,726)
Operating expenses		(72,279)	30,000	(42,279)
Capital assets				
National conference of state legislature				
Total all funds	(\$13,726)	(\$72,279)	\$30,000	(\$56,005)
Less estimated income	0	0	0	0
General fund	(\$13,726)	(\$72,279)	\$30,000	(\$56,005)
FTE	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00

¹ Funding for health insurance premiums for legislators is reduced from \$493 to \$488.70 per month.

² This amendment reduces funding for information technology by \$72,279 from the general fund, which represents a reduction in information technology funding of approximately 4 percent.

³ This amendment adds funding for replacing tables and chairs for the Brynhild Haugland Room and for replacing guest chairs for the chambers and Great Hall.

House Bill No. 1001 - Legislative Council - House Action

	Executive Budget	House Changes	House Version
Salaries and wages	\$4,814,953	\$104,482	\$4,919,435
Operating expenses	2,224,973		2,224,973
Capital assets	27,000		27,000
Total all funds	\$7,066,926	\$104,482	\$7,171,408
Less estimated income	0	0	0
General fund	\$7,066,926	\$104,482	\$7,171,408
FTE	33.00	0.00	33.00

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Department No. 160 - Legislative Council - Detail of House Changes

	Removes Recommended Salary Increase ¹	Adds Funding for Equity Adjustments	Total House Changes
Salaries and wages	(\$45,518)	\$150,000	\$104,482
Operating expenses			
Capital assets			
Total all funds	(\$45,518)	\$150,000	\$104,482
Less estimated income	0	0	0
General fund	(\$45,518)	\$150,000	\$104,482
FTE	0.00	0.00	0.00

¹ This amendment removes the Governor's recommendation for state employee salary increases and retains the recommended state payment for health insurance premiums.

House Bill No. 1001 - Legislative Council - Senate Action

	Executive Budget	House Version	Senate Changes	Senate Version
Salaries and wages	\$4,814,953	\$4,919,435	(\$153,406)	\$4,766,029
Operating expenses	2,224,973	2,224,973	(32,117)	2,192,856
Capital assets	27,000	27,000		27,000
Total all funds	\$7,066,926	\$7,171,408	(\$185,523)	\$6,985,885
Less estimated income	0	0	0	0
General fund	\$7,066,926	\$7,171,408	(\$185,523)	\$6,985,885
FTE	33.00	33.00	0.00	33.00

Department No. 160 - Legislative Council - Detail of Senate Changes

	Removes Equity Adjustment Funding ¹	Reduces Recommended Funding for Health Insurance ²	Reduces Funding for Information Technology Costs ²	Total Senate Changes
Salaries and wages	(\$150,000)	(\$3,406)		(\$153,406)
Operating expenses			(32,117)	(32,117)
Capital assets				
Total all funds	(\$150,000)	(\$3,406)	(\$32,117)	(\$185,523)
Less estimated income	0	0	0	0
General fund	(\$150,000)	(\$3,406)	(\$32,117)	(\$185,523)
FTE	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00

¹ This amendment removes funding added by the House for salary equity adjustments.

² Funding for state employee health insurance premiums is reduced from \$493 to \$488.70 per month.

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³ This amendment reduces funding for information technology by \$32,117 from the general fund, which represents a reduction in information technology funding of approximately 4 percent.

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January 27, 2003

**STATEMENT OF JOHN D. OLSRUD, DIRECTOR, NORTH DAKOTA
LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL, REGARDING HOUSE BILL NO. 1001,
JANUARY 31, 2003**

Mr. Chairman and members of the House Appropriations Committee - Education and Environment Division.

I am here this morning appearing on House Bill No. 1001 on behalf of the members of the Legislative Assembly and the members of the Legislative Council to explain the budget requests for the Legislative Assembly and the Legislative Council for the 2003-05 biennium.

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY

Subdivision 1 of the bill contains the 2003-05 biennium appropriation for the Legislative Assembly of \$8,635,327 from the general fund. This amount is \$434,836 or 5 percent less than the 2001-03 appropriation of \$9,070,163. The amount requested is considered necessary for the organizational session and a 77-legislative-day (108-calendar-day) regular 2005 legislative session. The following schedule presents the number of legislative days for previous sessions:

Legislative Session	Legislative Days
2001	77
1999	71
1997	66
1995	67
1993	77

The 2001 Legislative Assembly provided funding for an estimated 77-legislative-day 2003 legislative session.

Salaries and Wages

The salaries and wages line item of approximately \$5.5 million includes funding for:

- Legislative employees' pay for the 2005 legislative session based on the same number of employees employed for the 2001 legislative session of 70.
- Legislators' salary policy of \$125 per day for a 77-legislative-day regular session (108 calendar days).
- Additional compensation of \$10 per calendar day is provided for the legislative leaders and \$5 per calendar day for chairmen of the standing committees and assistant legislative leaders.
- Legislators' monthly compensation of \$250 per month and the additional \$250 per month

provided to the House and Senate majority and minority leaders.

- Health insurance coverage for 133 legislators, the same number of legislators that received health insurance coverage during the 2001-02 interim. Current information indicates that 126 legislators have requested health insurance; however, additional legislators may join the plan during the open enrollment period.
- Salaries and wages have been reduced from the 2001-03 appropriation by \$189,132 relating to the reduction in legislative districts from 49 to 47, by \$154,264 to remove funding for the 2001 redistricting session, and by \$18,300 to remove funding for the Appropriations Committees to meet for three days before the 2005 legislative session.

Operating Expenses

The operating expenses line item of approximately \$3 million includes funding for:

- Legislators' travel costs for 16 trips at 31 cents per mile during the regular session and one trip for the organizational session.
- Lodging costs of \$650 per month for 129 legislators for four months.
- Data processing costs of approximately \$900,000 for operating expenses and maintaining current legislative computer systems. This reflects a reduction in funding of \$317,100 relating to 2001-03 biennium funding provided for rewriting various legislative session computer systems.
- Information technology equipment funding of \$90,000 is included for replacement of printers and computers as needed. This is a \$245,800 reduction compared to the 2001-03 biennium, which included funding for replacing legislators' personal computers.
- Information technology consulting services of \$342,000. The request includes an increase of \$200,000 for hiring a consultant to analyze the Legislative Assembly's bill drafting system, which needs to be replaced.
- Telephone, telecommunications, and networking charges of \$381,795.
- Professional services of \$160,000, which includes funding for the privatization of legislative secretarial services (\$35,000), bill and journal room operations (\$55,000), and telephone room operations (\$54,000).

Capital Assets

The capital assets line item of \$6,000 is for miscellaneous equipment replacement needs.

National Conference of State Legislatures

The National Conference of State Legislatures (NCSL) line item of \$167,524 is an increase of \$2,227 from the 2001-03 budget of \$165,297. This represents North Dakota's contribution to NCSL and the amount is based on NCSL's estimate of North Dakota's share of the NCSL budget for fiscal years 2004 and 2005.

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

Subdivision 2 of House Bill No. 1001 contains the 2003-05 appropriation for the Legislative Council of \$7,066,926 from the general fund, which is \$306,476 or 4 percent less than the 2001-03 general fund appropriation of \$7,373,402.

The Legislative Council is requesting 33 FTE positions, the same number authorized for the 2001-03 biennium.

Salaries and Wages

The salaries and wages line item of approximately \$4.8 million includes funding for:

- Thirty-three FTE positions.
- The Governor's recommended salary and fringe benefits adjustment of \$111,975.
- Temporary employees' pay during the 2005 legislative session.
- Legislators' per diem for meetings during the interim of \$509,349, \$4,790 less than the 2001-03 budgeted amount of \$514,139. This request is based on the same number of committees (24) appointed during the 2001-02 interim and assumes an 87.5 percent attendance rate at committee meetings.

Operating Expenses

The operating expenses line item of approximately \$2.2 million includes funding for:

- Travel expenses relating to meetings during the interim of \$896,728, \$61,761 more than the 2001-03 budget of \$834,967. The funding request is based on the same number of committees (24) appointed during the 2001-02 interim and assumes an 87.5 percent attendance rate at committee meetings.

- Data processing costs of \$320,600, which is \$5,514 less than the 2001-03 budget of \$326,114. Data processing costs included in the 2003-05 request relate primarily to maintenance of current systems and to central processing unit (CPU) charges from the Information Technology Department.
- Information technology consulting totals \$278,000, \$166,416 less than the 2001-03 budget. The reduction relates to completion of the Administrative Code system rewrite project.
- Professional services of \$193,000 is \$48,000 more than the 2001-03 budget. Major professional services include contracting for the Legislative Council audit (\$5,000) and the State Auditor's office audit (\$8,000) and consulting services to assist with interim committee studies when required (\$180,000). The increase in this item relates to including Information Technology Committee consultant services funding of \$50,000 in the operating expenses line item rather than in a separate line item.
- Other operating expenses changes are based on the Office of Management and Budget's guidelines as they are applicable and anticipated needs in other areas.

Capital Assets

The capital assets line item of \$27,000 includes funding for replacing computer and other equipment in the Legislative Council office.

Information Technology Committee

The appropriations bill no longer includes an information technology line item, which for the 2001-03 biennium totaled \$240,000 for costs associated with the Information Technology Committee. Funding for this committee's costs of \$66,268 have been included in the salaries and wages and operating expenses line items similar to other interim committees.

Corrections Study

The 2001-03 biennium appropriation included \$200,000 from the general fund for hiring a consultant to assist with the corrections study. This funding is not being requested for the 2003-05 biennium.

I will be happy to attempt to answer any questions.

ATTACH:1

March 3, 2003

**STATEMENT OF JOHN D. OLSRUD, DIRECTOR, NORTH DAKOTA
LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL, REGARDING HOUSE BILL NO. 1001,
MARCH 14, 2003**

Mr. Chairman and members of the Senate Appropriations Committee.

I am here this morning appearing on Engrossed House Bill No. 1001 on behalf of the members of the Legislative Assembly and the members of the Legislative Council to explain the budget requests for the Legislative Assembly and the Legislative Council for the 2003-05 biennium.

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Subdivision 1 of the bill contains the 2003-05 biennium appropriation for the Legislative Assembly of \$8,635,327 from the general fund. This amount is \$434,836 or 5 percent less than the 2001-03 appropriation of \$9,070,163. The amount requested is considered necessary for the organizational session and a 77-legislative-day (108-calendar-day) regular 2005 legislative session. The following schedule presents the number of legislative days for previous sessions:

Legislative Session	Legislative Days
2001	77
1999	71
1997	66
1995	67
1993	77

The 2001 Legislative Assembly provided funding for an estimated 77-legislative-day 2003 legislative session.

Salaries and Wages

The salaries and wages line item of approximately \$5.5 million includes funding for:

- Legislative employees' pay for the 2005 legislative session based on the same number of employees employed for the 2001 legislative session of 70.
- Legislators' salary of \$125 per day for a 77-legislative-day regular session (108 calendar days).
- Additional compensation of \$10 per calendar day is provided for the legislative leaders and \$5 per calendar day for chairmen of the standing committees and assistant legislative leaders.
- Legislators' monthly compensation of \$250 per month and the additional \$250 per month provided to the House and Senate majority and minority leaders.

- Health insurance coverage for 133 legislators, the same number of legislators that received health insurance coverage during the 2001-02 interim. Current information indicates that 126 legislators have requested health insurance; however, additional legislators may join the plan during the open enrollment period.
- Salaries and wages have been reduced from the 2001-03 appropriation by \$189,132 relating to the reduction in legislative districts from 49 to 47, by \$154,264 to remove funding for the 2001 redistricting session, and by \$18,300 to remove funding for the Appropriations Committees to meet for three days before the 2005 legislative session.

Operating Expenses

The operating expenses line item of approximately \$3 million includes funding for:

- Legislators' travel costs for 16 trips at 31 cents per mile during the regular session and one trip for the organizational session.
- Lodging costs of \$650 per month for 129 legislators for four months.
- Data processing costs of approximately \$900,000 for operating and maintaining current legislative computer systems. This reflects a reduction in funding of \$317,100 relating to 2001-03 biennium funding provided for rewriting various legislative session computer systems.
- Information technology equipment funding of \$90,000 is included for replacement of printers and computers as needed. This is a \$245,800 reduction compared to the 2001-03 biennium, which included funding for replacing legislators' personal computers.
- Information technology consulting services of \$342,000. The request includes an increase of \$200,000 for hiring a consultant to analyze the Legislative Assembly's bill drafting system, which needs to be replaced.
- Telephone, telecommunications, and networking charges of \$381,795.
- Professional services of \$160,000, which includes funding for the privatization of legislative secretarial services (\$35,000), bill and journal room operations (\$55,000), and telephone room operations (\$54,000).

Capital Assets

The capital assets line item of \$6,000 is for miscellaneous equipment replacement needs.

National Conference of State Legislatures

The National Conference of State Legislatures (NCSL) line item of \$167,524 is an increase of \$2,227 from the 2001-03 budget of \$165,297. This represents North Dakota's contribution to NCSL and the amount is based on NCSL's estimate of North Dakota's share of the NCSL budget for fiscal years 2004 and 2005.

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Subdivision 2 of House Bill No. 1001 contains the 2003-05 appropriation for the Legislative Council of \$7,171,408 from the general fund, which is \$201,994 or 3 percent less than the 2001-03 general fund appropriation of \$7,373,402.

The Legislative Council is requesting 33 FTE positions, the same number authorized for the 2001-03 biennium.

Salaries and Wages

The salaries and wages line item of approximately \$4.9 million includes funding for:

- Thirty-three FTE positions.
- The Governor's recommended health insurance premium increase of \$66,457.
- Salary equity adjustment funding of \$150,000 for Legislative Council employees added by the House to address employee turnover concerns.
- Temporary employees' pay during the 2005 legislative session.
- Legislators' per diem for meetings during the interim of \$509,349, \$4,790 less than the 2001-03 budgeted amount of \$514,139. This request is based on the same number of committees (24) appointed during the 2001-02 interim and assumes an 87.5 percent attendance rate at committee meetings.

Operating Expenses

The operating expenses line item of approximately \$2.2 million includes funding for:

- Travel expenses relating to meetings during the interim of \$896,728, \$81,761 more than the 2001-03 budget of \$834,967. The funding request is based on the same number of committees (24) appointed during the 2001-02 interim and assumes an 87.5 percent attendance rate at committee meetings.

- Data processing costs of \$320,600, which is \$5,514 less than the 2001-03 budget of \$326,114. Data processing costs included in the 2003-05 request relate primarily to maintenance of current systems and to central processing unit (CPU) charges from the Information Technology Department.
- Information technology consulting totals \$278,000, \$166,416 less than the 2001-03 budget. The reduction relates to completion of the Administrative Code system rewrite project.
- Professional services of \$193,000 is \$48,000 more than the 2001-03 budget. Major professional services include contracting for the Legislative Council audit (\$5,000) and the State Auditor's office audit (\$8,000) and consulting services to assist with interim committee studies when required (\$180,000). The increase in this item relates to including Information Technology Committee consultant services funding of \$50,000 in the operating expenses line item rather than in a separate line item.
- Other operating expenses changes are based on the Office of Management and Budget's guidelines as they are applicable and anticipated needs in other areas.

Capital Assets

The capital assets line item of \$27,000 includes funding for replacing computer and other equipment in the Legislative Council office.

Information Technology Committee

The appropriations bill no longer includes an information technology line item, which for the 2001-03 biennium totaled \$240,000 for costs associated with the Information Technology Committee. Funding for this committee's costs of \$66,268 have been included in the salaries and wages and operating expenses line items similar to other interim committees.

In addition, the House included a \$98,000 general fund appropriation in House Bill No. 1022, the Information Technology Department appropriations bill, to the Legislative Council for hiring an information technology analyst or contracting for information technology analysis services.

Corrections Study

The 2001-03 biennium appropriation included \$200,000 from the general fund for hiring a consultant to assist with the corrections study. This funding is not being requested for the 2003-05 biennium.

I will be happy to attempt to answer any questions.