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2003 SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE MINUTES

BILL/RESOLUTION NO. SB 2132

Senate Government and Veterans Affairs Committee

Conference Committee

Hearing Date 01/23/03

Tape Number	Side A	Side B	Meter #
Tape 1	x		0-1275/3208-3340
Committee Clerk Signature <i>Lisa Hester</i>			

Minutes:

Senator Karen Krebsbach, Chairman opens SB 2132. Senators Krebsbach, Dever, Brown, Wardner, and Fairfield present.

Major General Mike Haugen, Adjutant General, North Dakota National Guard in support of SB 2132. (written testimony attached)

Senator Brown: Give me a example of a political subdivision owned armory.

Major General Haugen: In our state 18 armories are owned by cities and the other 5 are owned by the state. We lease those owned by the city and use state dollars to help with repairs. we provide some money for the major projects for example the roof. the political subdivisions have to provide a minimum matching amount. this year it is not in the governor's budget. 14 armories benefited last year.

Senator Brown: Is there a bill this year?

Major General Haugen: No

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Senator Dever: Does the maintenance board only involve itself with the politically sub owned buildings or maintain otherwise.

Major General Haugen: The board has not met. My committee handles all the armories.

Senator Dever: So in absence of the board you are able to do what needs to be done anyway?

Major General Haugen: Yes

Senator Krebsbach: Is there a established board now?

Major General Haugen: No, the board now must consist of myself and another board member.

Senator Brown: What are the conditions of the buildings?

Major General Haugen: We are putting money that we have some maintenance funding for.

The last biennium we had an excess of \$250,000. It is a matching fund budget so last year we put about \$500,00 into these buildings. There is a separate budget for the state owned buildings, some are old but very well taken care of. The roofs are the most important part. The cities use them for a lot of city held events, and some are used for many joint reasons.

Senator Wardner: I feel the joint use is a co-op type partnership.

Major General Haugen: Yes, we work closely with the cities in partnership of the buildings.

Senator Krebsbach : 18 are owned by cities and 5 are owned by the state so there is a total of 23.

Major General Haugen: Yes and we are just opening a newer one in Wahpeton to replace the current one.

Senator Krebsbach : Any further testimony... Closed SB 2132

Tape 1 Side A Meter: 3210

Further discussion on SB 2132

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Senate Government and Veterans Affairs Committee

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Motion made by Senator Dever for a Do Pass

2nd made by Senator Fairfield

6 Yes, 0 No, 0 Absent and not voting

Carrier: Senator Fairfield

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FISCAL NOTE
 Requested by Legislative Council
 01/03/2003

Bill/Resolution No.: SB 2132

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.

	2001-2003 Biennium		2003-2005 Biennium		2005-2007 Biennium	
	General Fund	Other Funds	General Fund	Other Funds	General Fund	Other Funds
Revenues	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Expenditures	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Appropriations	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0

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

2001-2003 Biennium			2003-2005 Biennium			2005-2007 Biennium		
Counties	Cities	School Districts	Counties	Cities	School Districts	Counties	Cities	School Districts
\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0

2. **Narrative:** Identify the aspects of the measure which cause fiscal impact and include any comments relevant to your analysis.

We have not convene a facility maintenance board in a number of years. There will be no impact on our budget if this Statute is repealed.

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.

Funds have not been appropriated for this Board in the past.

Name:	Alan S. Dohrmann	Agency:	Adjutant General's Office
Phone Number:	701-333-2009	Date Prepared:	01/04/2003

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Date: 01/23/03
Roll Call Vote #: 1

2003 SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE ROLL CALL VOTES
BILL/RESOLUTION NO. SB 2132

Senate Government and Veteran Affairs Committee

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Legislative Council Amendment Number _____

Action Taken DO PASS

Motion Made By Dever Seconded By Fairfield

Senators	Yes	No	Senators	Yes	No
Senator Karen Krebsbach, Chr.	x		Senator April Fairfield	x	
Senator Dick Dever, Vice Chr.	x		Senator Carolyn Nelson	x	
Senator Richard Brown	x				
Senator Rich Wardner	x				

Total (Yes) 6 No 0

Absent 0

Floor Assignment Senator Fairfield

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REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE (410)
January 23, 2003 4:17 p.m.

Module No: SR-13-1016
Carrier: Fairfield
Insert LC: . Title: .

REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE
SB 2132: Government and Veterans Affairs Committee (Sen. Krebsbach, Chairman)
recommends **DO PASS** (6 YEAS, 0 NAYS, 0 ABSENT AND NOT VOTING). SB 2132
was placed on the Eleventh order on the calendar.

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2003 HOUSE STANDING COMMITTEE MINUTES

BILL/RESOLUTION NO. SB 2132

House Government and Veterans Affairs Committee

Conference Committee

Hearing Date 2-28-03

Tape Number	Side A	Side B	Meter #
1	x		11.3-21.9
Committee Clerk Signature <i>Gregg Burke</i>			

Minutes: Chairman Klein opened the hearing on SB 2132. All committee members were present.

Col. Charles Rydell, National Guard: appeared in favor of SB 2132 and provided a written statement. **(SEE ATTACHED TESTIMONY).**

Representative Haas: does this current statute prevent you from doing anything now that needs to be done, or is it your just using a different approach to get it done?

Col. Charles Rydell: yes we are using a different approach, profits that we are following during this current bi-enium is how I outlined in my testimony where we had gone to the cities and asked for their input on projects and presented back to the budget section.

Representative Klein: So basically as you have consolidated and closed out some of the armories in the community, how many do we have left that would fall into this catagory?

Col. Rydell: we have 19 right now, we are in the process of moving out of the Wahpeton Armory and once we vacate that we will have a total of 18 armories that are owned by political subdivisions across the state.

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House Government and Veterans Affairs Committee

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Hearing Date 2-28-03

I guess in actuality we haven't closed that many locally there have been a couple but I think the numbers have been quite stable.

John Jacobson, Legislative Committee of the North Dakota Coordinating Council: appeared in favor of SB 2132. The council made a unanimous decision to back the support of this bill and we ask that you do pass on this bill. We feel this is a housekeeping measure to eliminate a board that would no longer function.

Jim Coats, Coordinating Council: appeared in support of SB 2132, if you notice the fiscal note they are all zeros and the statement in the middle of the page, we have not convened a facility maintenance board for a number of years. This is merely I feel a house cleaning bill for the century code.

Representative Winrich: made a **DO PASS** motion on SB 2132.

Representative Meier: **SECOND** the motion.

VOTE: 14-YES 0-NO 0-ABSENT.

Representative Sitte: will carry the bill to the floor.

Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned.

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Date: 2-28-03

Roll Call Vote #:

2003 HOUSE STANDING COMMITTEE ROLL CALL VOTE
SENATE BILL/RESOLUTION NO. SB 2132

House GOVERNMENT AND VETERANS AFFAIRS Committee

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Legislative Council Amendment Number _____

Action Taken Do Pass

Motion Made By Rep. Winrich Seconded By Rep. Meier

Representatives	Yes	No	Representatives	Yes	No
Chairman M.M. Klein	X		B. Amerman	X	
Vice Chairman B.B. Grande	X		L. Potter	X	
W.R. Devlin	X		C. Williams	X	
C.B. Haas	X		L. Winrich	X	
J. Kasper	X				
L.R. Klemin	X				
L. Meier	X				
M. Sitte	X				
W.W. Tieman	X				
R.H. Wikenheiser	X				

Total (Yes) 14 No 0

Absent -0-

Floor Assignment Rep. Sitte

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REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE (410)
February 28, 2003 10:08 a.m.

Module No: HR-36-3641
Carrier: Sitte
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REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE
SB 2132: Government and Veterans Affairs Committee (Rep. M. Klein, Chairman)
recommends **DO PASS** (14 YEAS, 0 NAYS, 0 ABSENT AND NOT VOTING). SB 2132
was placed on the Fourteenth order on the calendar.

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2003 TESTIMONY

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TESTIMONY OF
MAJ GEN MICHAEL HAUGEN, THE ADJUTANT GENERAL
NORTH DAKOTA NATIONAL GUARD
BEFORE THE
GOVERNMENT AND VETERANS AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

January 23, 2003

9:00 a.m.

SENATE BILL 2132

Madam Chairman, Members of the Committee,

The Office of the Adjutant General asks you to pass this bill. This bill repeals Section 37-10-03.5 of the North Dakota Century Code. In its present form, this statute adds an extra layer of bureaucracy to how the Adjutant General's Office manages the maintenance of armories.

The current statute establishes an Armory Maintenance Board which is to meet annually and determine which National Guard armories are in need of maintenance and/or repair. This board determines priorities and sets contribution levels for the National Guard and each political subdivision.

The last time this board met is unknown. One reason for this is because historically, there has been a relatively small amount of State funds available for the maintenance of armories. Over the years, the membership of the board has been reduced to the point where it is comprised of the Adjutant General and one individual from a political subdivision. This arrangement may create a perception of bias by the board member for any armory projects in their political subdivision or region. Eliminating this board would guard against this perception.

We suggest the Armory Maintenance Board be replaced with a matching grant program similar to the one followed in the 2002-2003 biennium when funds were appropriated for maintenance and repair of political subdivision-owned armories. In this program, equal matching grant funds were provided by the legislature for use by political subdivisions. The Adjutant General's Office conducted a major repair and maintenance needs survey of all political subdivision-owned armories. Priority was given to those major maintenance and repair projects for which the local political subdivision contributed the highest ratio of political subdivision funds for each dollar of State funding

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requested. A written report of the survey results and project recommendations for the biennium were provided to the budget seating of the legislative council for approval. Upon approval of the proposed project by the budget section, the political subdivisions initiated and managed the maintenance or repair projects.

In conclusion, the Adjutant General's Office believes it can effectively manage the maintenance of armories, whether owned by the State or political subdivisions, without this Armory Maintenance Board.

Thank you Madam Chairman. I would be pleased to respond to any questions.

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TESTIMONY OF
COL CHARLES RYDELL, DIRECTOR OF FACILITIES
NORTH DAKOTA NATIONAL GUARD
BEFORE THE
GOVERNMENT AND VETERANS AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

February 28, 2003

8:30 a.m.

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While we have not convened this Board in years, I would like to assure this Committee that the mandate of this Board has been met by the Adjutant General's office. During the last legislative session, the Legislative Assembly approved a matching grant program for the maintenance and repair of political subdivision-owned armories. The Adjutant General's Office conducted a major repair and maintenance needs survey of all political subdivision-owned armories. Maintenance priorities were set based on the needs of the individual armories and the amount of matching funds contributed by the political

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