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2003 SENATE GOVERNMENT AND VETERANS AFFAIRS

SB 2294

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2003 SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE MINUTES

BILL/RESOLUTION NO. SB 2294

Senate Government and Veterans Affairs Committee

☐ Conference Committee

Hearing Date 01/31/03

Tape Number	Side A	Side B	Meter #
Tape 1	x		1930-4150
Committee Clerk Signature <i>Lisa A. [Signature]</i>			

Minutes:

**Senator Karen Krebsbach**, Chairman opens SB 2294. All senators present.

**Senator Bercier** introduces and explains SB 2294. The emergency committee ends up doing legislative work in the even-numbered years. the bill would not bring it any longer than 80 days.

If in fact I think we could even get it down to 20 days and sometimes less.

In the absence of legislators from their jobs I think this would help employers and more people to be able to take time off.

This is an expensive proposition, I believe this would help getting new people to run for office as a legislator.

**Senator Fairfield** : the fiscal note doesn't make much sense to me, why would there be an additional cost of this multitude when the actual number of day would be the same. It should be a wash.

**Senator Nelson** : They don't budget us for the full 80 days now anyway.

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**Senator Bercier:** I believe we are budgeted for 77 days.

**Senator Wardner :** Would you envision that just budget bills would be dealt with on the even numbered years and just deal with them every other even numbered year or would you envision that every year we would tackle it all?

**Senator Bercier:** You may see budgets that come every year but try to keep these every other year.

**Senator Dever :** South Dakota went to annual sessions and it started out to just be a week long and now they are at 30 days. How do we discipline ourselves? The alternative to this is the special session where the 80 day limitation does not apply when called by the governor but, when we call ourselves back into session then the 80 days does apply.

**Senator Nelson :** We would set up our own rules.

**Senator Bercier:** continuity is a big thing.

**Senator Krebsbach :** Do you think doing annual sessions would be easier to attract people to run for office?

**Senator Bercier:** Yes

Closed SB 2294

*Tape 1 Side A Meter 5940*

**Senator Fairfield :** You would still think this fiscal note would be neutral.

**Senator Nelson :** WE battle this every year.

**Senator Krebsbach :** I do think we would need some kind of fiscal note for this.

**Senator Fairfield :** I think it would be a value to the state to do this with a better fiscal note.

**Senator Nelson :** Who is to anticipate four years down the road with the budget.

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**Senator Brown:** If I was appearing as an employer, I would be against this. I ask this to a former employer when he told me he was thinking of running for office, if he thought it was a good idea for his career. I would rather have an employee gone for 3 months and done than a month here and a month there.

Minnesota went to single sessions and many legislators turn this into a full time job.

**Senator Fairfield :** What is absolutely best for our constituents? I think it would be an interesting discussion.

*Tape 1 Side B Meter 4100*

Wardner moves a Do Not Pass

Dever 2nd

4 Yes 2 No

Carrier: Senator Dever

**Senator Fairfield :** Perhaps next session we can turn this into a study.

**Senator Brown:** Maybe there should be a study larger than that and study some other legislators.

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**FISCAL NOTE**  
Requested by Legislative Council  
01/22/2003

Bill/Resolution No.: SB 2294

**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						
Expenditures			\$565,440		\$565,440	
Appropriations			\$565,440		\$565,440	

**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

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

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

**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.

The amounts shown are the estimated costs for the Legislative Assembly to meet for 10 legislative days in 2004 and 10 legislative days in 2006. The estimated costs would increase or decrease by approximately \$57,000 for each day more or less that the session would last.

**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.

The amounts shown are the estimated costs for the Legislative Assembly to meet for 10 legislative days in 2004 and 10 legislative days in 2006. The estimated costs would increase or decrease by approximately \$57,000 for each day more or less that the session would last.

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Phone Number:	328-2916	Date Prepared:	01/22/2003

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Date: 1/31/03  
Roll Call Vote #: 1

2003 SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE ROLL CALL VOTES  
BILL/RESOLUTION NO. 2294

Senate Government and Veteran Affairs Committee

☐ Check here for Conference Committee

Legislative Council Amendment Number \_\_\_\_\_

Action Taken Do Not Pass

Motion Made By Wardner Seconded By Dever

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

Total (Yes) 4 No 2

Absent 10

Floor Assignment Dever

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

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**REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE (410)**  
January 31, 2003 12:41 p.m.

Module No: SR-19-1441  
Carrier: Dever  
Insert LC: . Title: .

**REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE**

**SB 2294: Government and Veterans Affairs Committee (Sen. Krebsbach, Chairman)**  
recommends **DO NOT PASS** (4 YEAS, 2 NAYS, 0 ABSENT AND NOT VOTING).  
SB 2294 was placed on the Eleventh order on the calendar.