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2005 SENATE TRANSPORTATION

SCR 4005

2005 SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE MINUTES

BILL/RESOLUTION NO. SCR 4005

Senate Transportation Committee

☐ Conference Committee

Hearing Date 1/21/05

Tape Number	Side A	Side B	Meter #
1	x		1290-3060
Committee Clerk Signature <i>Mary K Monson</i>			

Minutes:

Chairman Trenbeath opened the hearing on SCR 4005 designating United States Highway 2 through the state of North Dakota as the 164th Infantry Memorial Highway.

All members were present except Senator Espegard and Senator Mutch.

Senator Trenbeath (District 10) As a sponsor, he introduced SCR 4005. The Montana Legislature has designated US Highway 2, as it passes through their state, in honor of the sister unit, the 163rd. Their goal is to have that highway, throughout it's course across the United States, designated in honor of the National Guard units that were called up during those times of strife. It's North Dakota's turn and nearly the least we can do in honor of the ND National Guard as it came to be known the 164th infantry.

Bernie Wagner (Current President of the 164th Infantry Association of the United States)

Testified in support of SCR 4005. See attached testimony. He handed out 164th Infantry bumper stickers and place mats to all the committee members.

Senator Warner asked if there was any effort to create a focal point somewhere along the highway such as a commemorative or memorial.

Bernie Wagner said, yes, they plan on doing that but the focus is getting the approval of this.

John Jacobson (Representative of the Legislative Committee of the ND Veterans Coordinating Council) He was a member of the 164th. He asked for the committee's support of SCR 4005 on behalf of the Coordinating Council.

David Thiele (ND National Guard) On behalf of Major General Haugen he testified in strong support of SCR 4005 and provided the committee with a "History of the North Dakota National Guard". He pointed out that it was filled with reference to the 164th which made it clear to him that, if there was a backbone to the ND National Guard, it was the 164th.

C. Emerson Murry (A member of the 164th.) Testified in support of SCR 4005. He said the 164th had a sparkling record. Over in the Philippines the Young Scouts, made up primarily of volunteers from the 164th, earned more medals of honor than ever has been won by any small unit in the entire United States Army. Their record, where they were the first United States Army unit to take the offensive against the Japanese in WWII when they joined the Marines at Guadalcanal, certainly says a great deal for both ND soldiers and the 164th in particular. He hopes ND will give them the honor they have earned so many times over.

Senator Nething He asked if the 188th was pretty much a ND guard unit.

C. Emerson Murry said the 188th was a ND National Guard Artillery Unit. They were both part of the 47th division at one time prior to WW II. The 188th went to Europe.

There was a short discussion as to the style and whether this should be sent to the Governor.

The hearing on SCR 4005 was closed.

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Hearing Date 1-27-05

Tape Number	Side A	Side B	Meter #
1	x		250-390
1		x	1930-1981
Committee Clerk Signature <i>Mary K Monson</i>			

Minutes:

Chairman Trenbeath opened SCR for discussion. He submitted an amendment to include the battle history of the 164th in the Korean conflict.

Senator Espegard motioned a Do Pass on the amendment. Seconded by **Senator Mutch**.

The motion passed on a voice vote.

Senator Espegard motioned a **Do Pass as Amended**. Seconded by **Senator Nething**.

Roll call vote 6-0-0. **Passed**. Floor carrier is **Senator Trenbeath**.

Date: 1-27-05
Roll Call Vote #: _____

2005 SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE ROLL CALL VOTES
BILL/RESOLUTION NO SCR 4005

Senate TRANSPORTATION Committee

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Legislative Council Amendment Number _____

Action Taken De Pass as Amended

Motion Made By Sen. Espegard Seconded By Sen. Nething

Senators	Yes	No	Senators	Yes	No
Senator Espegard			Senator Bercier		
Senator Mutch			Senator Warner		
Senator Nething					
Senator Trenbeath, Chairman					

Total (Yes) 6 No 0

Absent 0

Floor Assignment Senator Trenbeath

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

REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE

SCR 4005: Transportation Committee (Sen. Trenbeath, Chairman) recommends **AMENDMENTS AS FOLLOWS** and when so amended, recommends **DO PASS** (6 YEAS, 0 NAYS, 0 ABSENT AND NOT VOTING). SCR 4005 was placed on the Sixth order on the calendar.

Page 1, line 14, after the semicolon insert "and"

Page 1, after line 14, insert:

"**WHEREAS**, the 164th Infantry was ordered into federal service for the Korean Conflict in 1950;"

Page 1, line 20, after the first "the" insert "Governor and the"

Renumber accordingly

2005 HOUSE TRANSPORTATION

SCR 4005

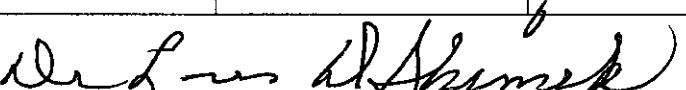
2005 HOUSE STANDING COMMITTEE MINUTES

RESOLUTION NO. SCR 4005

House Transportation Committee

☐ Conference Committee

Hearing Date March 4, 2005

Tape Number	Side A	Side B	Meter #
1	X		8.5-22.4
Committee Clerk Signature 			

Minutes:

Chairman Weisz opened hearing on Engrossed SCR 4005 A concurrent resolution designating US Highway 2 through the state of North Dakota as the 164th Infantry Memorial Highway.

Senator Trenbeath: It has to do with our famous regiment, the 164th. It has been called to continuous in times of war since 1885-1955.(See information attached) They just about starved to death in Guadalcanal. Discussed his father's information on the 164th. This resolution is part of a regional wide effort to honor those national guard regiments that were called to active duty. Montana, during its last session, designated its stretch of US Highway 2 as the 163rd Memorial Highway. We would like to continue that through the state of ND. We ask for your favorable consideration of this resolution.

Rep. Ruby Do you know how many of those veterans are still alive today?

Rep. Delmore I would just echo his thoughts and just let the people here today testify.

Bernie Wagner: (See attached testimony #1)

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Rep. Delmore(18.5) Should this read the 164th Infantry Regiment or does it not matter?

Bernie Wagner: That change is not necessary. It wouldn't give any better designation than this.

We have 600 members throughout the US.

John Jacobsen:The ND Veterans Coordination Council. We just request that you support this resolution.

LTC Dave Thiele, ND National Guard(20.6) See attached handout #2. Just general information. We support this resolution.

Chairman Weisz Anyone else here in support of SCR4005? Anyone in opposition.

hearing closed 21.3

Motion Made By Rep. Delmore Seconded By Rep. Ruby

Do Pass 13 Yes 0 No 2 Absent Carrier: Rep. Delmore
(22.4)

Date: 3-4-05
Roll Call Vote #:

2005 HOUSE STANDING COMMITTEE ROLL CALL VOTES
BILL/RESOLUTION NO. SCR 4005

House Transportation Committee

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Legislative Council Amendment Number _____

Action Taken

Do Pass

Motion Made By

Rep. Delmore

Seconded By

Rep. Ruby

Representatives	Yes	No	Representatives	Yes	No
Rep. Weisz - Chairman	✓		Rep. Delmore	✓	
Rep. Hawken - Vice Chair.	✓		Rep. Meyer	✓	
Rep. Bernstein	✓		Rep. Schmidt	✓	
Rep. Dosch	abst		Rep. Thorpe	✓	
Rep. Iverson	✓				
Rep. Kelsch	✓				
Rep. Owens	✓				
Rep. Price	✓				
Rep. Ruby	✓				
Rep. Vigasaa	✓				
Rep. Weiler	abst				

Total (Yes) 13 No 0

Absent

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Floor Assignment

Rep. Delmore

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

REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE (410)
March 4, 2005 2:22 p.m.

Module No: HR-40-4213
Carrier: Delmore
Insert LC: . Title: .

REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE

SCR 4005, as engrossed: Transportation Committee (Rep. Welsz, Chairman)
recommends DO PASS and BE PLACED ON THE CONSENT CALENDAR (13 YEAS,
0 NAYS, 2 ABSENT AND NOT VOTING). Engrossed SCR 4005 was placed on the
Tenth order on the calendar.

2005 TESTIMONY

SCR 4005

Good Morning Chairman RENBEATH and members of the Senate Transportation Committee

I am Bernie Wagner, President of the 164th Infantry Association of the United States. I am present today to visit with you in regards to SCR 4005 designating United States Highway 2 through the state of North Dakota as the 164th Infantry Memorial Highway. I can think of no better way to recognize the 164th Infantry and the North Dakota Army National Guard than to have this recognition. Montana has recently named their portion of Hwy #2 in Honor of the Montana National Guard. This was discussed at our Reunion a couple of years ago and it was decided to request this of North Dakota. With your permission Mr. Chairman I would like to give you a short History of the 164 and explain the Lineage and Honors that have been bestowed to our Organization.-----The 164th Infantry Regiment can trace their lineage back to 1885 when the regiment was organized as the First Regiment Dakota Guard.

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This concludes my remarks Mr. Chairman and if there are any questions I would be happy to try and answer them.



History of the North Dakota National Guard

- 1883 - Company A, First Regiment, Dakota National Guard, is organized at Bismarck, Dakota Territory.
- 1889 - North Dakota becomes the Unions thirty-ninth state. The North Dakota National Guard was organized and included six infantry companies, two cavalry troops, and one artillery battery.
- 1898 - Eight infantry companies of the First North Dakota Regiment are mobilized for the Spanish-American War and the Philippine Insurrection. The Regiment earns thirty-nine silver battle rings for its guidon and ten members of the First North Dakota Infantry Volunteers are awarded the Medal of Honor.
- 1904 - 1,500 acres near Devils Lake was ceded to the State of North Dakota by the federal government for use as a permanent military reservation for the North Dakota National Guard. The camp was known as the Rock Island Military Reservation, (later renamed Camp Gilbert C. Grafton in 1921).
- 1916 - First North Dakota Infantry Regiment was ordered to active service at Mercedes, Texas, on the American-Mexican Border to protect American lives and property against the notorious Mexican bandit, Poncho-Villa.
- 1917 - The First & Second North Dakota Regiments were ordered into federal service for World War I. The First North Dakota Regiment was renamed the 164th Infantry Regiment, and the Second North Dakota Infantry Regiment was disbanded. North Dakota soldiers were involved in fighting at Cantigny, Sossions, St. Mihiel, and the Meuse-Argonnes Offensive as members of the 41st Division.
- 1937 - The former Bismarck Indian School site and buildings were transferred from the federal government to the state of North Dakota for use by the North Dakota National Guard as its head-quarters. The site was renamed Fraine Barracks in 1945.
- 1941 - The North Dakota National Guard's 164th infantry Regiment and the 188th Field Artillery Regiment were mobilized for service in World War II. 776th Tank Destroyer Battalion formed from batteries F and H of the 188th Field Artillery Regiment. The 776th went on to spend more then 550 days in actual combat in Tunisia, Italy and Central Europe.
- 1942 - The 164th Infantry Regiment landed on Guadalcanal to reinforce the First Marine Division at Henderson Airfield. The regiment became the first US Army unit to take offensive action against the Japanese during World War II.
- 1943 - The 164th Infantry spearheaded the Americal Division's island hopping against the Japanese in the South Pacific. The 188th Field Artillery Regiment was split up into the 188th Field Artillery Group, the 188th Field Artillery Battalion, and the 957th Field Artillery Battalion.
- 1944 - Members of the 188th and 957th Field Artillery Battalions landed on Utah Beach and participated in the Cherbourg Offensive and the Battle of the Bulge while

- driving onward to Germany.
- 1945 - World War II ends with the surrender of Germany and Japan. North Dakota National Guard units are released from active duty and return home.
 - 1950 & 1951 - Units of the North Dakota Army National Guard, including the 164th Infantry Regiment and the 231st Engineer and 188th Field Artillery Battalions were ordered into federal service for the Korean Conflict.
 - 1955 - The North Dakota Army National Guard underwent a major organizational change - all of its units were converted to engineers.
 - 1960 - Elements of the North Dakota Army National Guard were ordered into federal service for the Berlin Crisis. The 116th Public Information Detachment is formed.
 - 1965 - Provisional Aviation Detachment organized.
 - 1971 - Provisional Aviation Detachment becomes the 142nd Medical Detachment (Air Ambulance). 116th Public Information Detachment changed to 116th Public Affairs Detachment.
 - 1983 - The North Dakota National Guard received funding from the state legislature to purchase land in Eddy County. Today the "new" training area is known as Camp Grafton South.
 - 1984 - Company D, 141st Engineer Battalion, NDARNG, received the Itschner Award as the most outstanding engineer-sized unit in the Army National Guard of the United States.
 - 1985 - The 142nd Engineer Battalion was organized with companies located at Grand Forks, Fargo, Michigan, and Minnesota.
 - 1987 - Company B, 141st Engineer Battalion, NDARNG, receive the Itschner Award.
 - 1988 - 1st Battalion 188th Air Defense Artillery and the 136th Quartermaster Battalion (Water Supply) were organized as elements of the NDARNG.
 - 1989 - Task Force 164 coordinated civilian and public works missions in Honduras.
 - 1990 - Company A (-), 2nd Battalion, 137th Aviation and Detachment 3, HHC, 2nd Battalion, 137th Aviation organized as elements of NDARNG. The 142nd deactivated and reorganized as the 1214th Medical Battalion.
 - 1990 - The 136th Quartermaster Battalion (PM) (Water Supply) including the 132nd and 134th QM Companies and the 131st and the 133rd QM Detachments, the 818th Medical Battalion, and the 191st Military Police Company were mobilized for service in Desert Shield and Desert Storm. Work was started on the North Dakota Veterans Cemetery located near Fort Lincoln State Park south of Mandan.
 - 1991 - The 842nd Medical Detachment was mobilized for federal service at Fort Leonard Wood, Mo.
 - 1995 - 1214 Medical Air Battalion and 137th combined to form 1-112th Aviation Battalion, (light utility helicopter).
 - 1996 - 116th Public Affairs Detachment is inactivated and reorganized into the 129th Public Affairs Detachment. 129th Public Affairs Detachment activated and deployed for federal duty in Bosnia.
 - 1997 - Over 2300 members of ND National Guard activated for blizzard and flood

duty in the largest state activation in North Dakota history. 129th PAD return from Bosnia. 191st Military Police Company inactivated.

- 2000 - 156 members of Company B 142nd Engineer Battalion were mobilized for service in Kosovo to assist in road building and reconstruction.

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The North Dakota National Guard

The 164th Infantry Regiment in World War II

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The Ultimate Weapon the Combat Infantryman

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(top) 164th Infantry Regimental Crest
(Je Suis Pret) translates "I am Ready"
(bottom) The Americal Division shoulder patch,
a blue shield with white stars



164th INFANTRY ASSOCIATION MEMORIAL
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MANDAN, NORTH DAKOTA

(L. TO R.) WALTER T. JOHNSEN,
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164th Infantry Regiment



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Memorial Highway

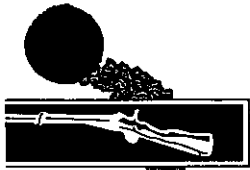
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