

PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO ENGROSSED HOUSE BILL NO. 1009

That the Senate recede from its amendments as printed on pages 1524-1526 of the House Journal and pages 1190-1192 of the Senate Journal and that Engrossed House Bill No. 1009 be amended as follows:

Page 1, line 2, remove "4-01-19,"

Page 1, line 3, remove "pride of Dakota program, the"

Page 1, line 5, after "fees" insert "; to provide a contingent appropriation; to provide for a legislative council study"

Page 2, line 7, replace "1,211,582" with "1,243,463"

Page 2, line 8, replace "822,550" with "896,050"

Page 2, line 11, replace "1,310,099" with "1,309,224"

Page 2, after line 11, insert:

"Contingent appropriation - wildlife services 130,000"

Page 2, remove line 17

Page 2, line 19, replace "1,520,341" with "1,554,847"

Page 2, line 20, replace "1,318,026" with "1,294,916"

Page 2, line 21, replace "202,315" with "259,931"

Page 2, line 27, replace "5,706,552" with "5,738,433"

Page 2, line 28, replace "4,182,375" with "4,255,875"

Page 2, line 31, replace "2,179,563" with "2,178,688"

Page 2, after line 31, insert:

"Contingent appropriation - wildlife services 130,000"

Page 3, line 1, replace "225,000" with "25,000"

Page 3, line 2, replace "14,072,715" with "14,107,221"

Page 3, line 3, replace "9,636,875" with "9,613,765"

Page 3, line 4, replace "4,435,840" with "4,493,456"

Page 3, line 7, replace "\$2,805,077" with "\$2,855,077"

Page 8, after line 24, insert:

**"SECTION 13. CONTINGENT APPROPRIATION - WILDLIFE SERVICES.**

The contingent appropriation - wildlife services contained in section 3 of this Act is a contingent appropriation out of any moneys in the game and fish fund, not otherwise appropriated, to the agriculture commissioner for the wildlife services program. This funding is in addition to the funding identified in section 6 of this Act. If the federal funding for the cooperative wildlife damage management program for North Dakota wildlife services for federal fiscal year 2006 is less than \$400,000, then \$65,000 of the appropriation is available for wildlife services programs and if the same federal funding is less than \$400,000 for federal fiscal year 2007, an additional \$65,000 of the appropriation is available for wildlife services programs.

**SECTION 14. LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL STUDY - MEAT INSPECTION LICENSE FEES.** The legislative council shall consider studying, during the 2005-06 interim, the feasibility and desirability of implementing a license fee for businesses receiving state meat inspection program services and whether the fee would impact the number of businesses that would use the federal meat inspection service rather than the state service. The legislative council shall report its findings and recommendations, together with any legislation required to implement the recommendations, to the sixtieth legislative assembly."

Re-number accordingly

**STATEMENT OF PURPOSE OF AMENDMENT:**

**House Bill No. 1009 - Department of Agriculture - Conference Committee Action**

	EXECUTIVE BUDGET	HOUSE VERSION	CONFERENCE COMMITTEE CHANGES	CONFERENCE COMMITTEE VERSION	SENATE VERSION	COMPARISON TO SENATE
Salaries and wages	\$5,766,637	\$5,706,552	\$31,881	\$5,738,433	\$5,738,433	
Operating expenses	4,358,278	4,182,375	73,500	4,255,875	4,255,875	
Capital assets	5,000	5,000		5,000	5,000	
Grants	1,524,225	1,774,225		1,774,225	1,724,225	\$50,000
Board of Animal Health	2,374,832	2,179,563	(875)	2,178,688	2,178,688	
Crop Harmonization Board	225,000	225,000	(200,000)	25,000	25,000	
Contingent appropriation			130,000	130,000	130,000	
Total all funds	\$14,253,972	\$14,072,715	\$34,506	\$14,107,221	\$14,057,221	\$50,000
Less estimated income	9,368,014	9,636,875	(23,110)	9,613,765	9,563,765	50,000
General fund	\$4,885,958	\$4,435,840	\$57,616	\$4,493,456	\$4,493,456	\$0
FTE	61.00	61.00	0.00	61.00	61.00	0.00

**Dept. 602 - Department of Agriculture - Detail of Conference Committee Changes**

	REDUCES RECOMMENDED FUNDING FOR HEALTH INSURANCE 1	REMOVES FUNDING FOR CROP HARMONIZATION BOARD 2	INCREASES FUNDING FOR PROJECT SAFE SEND 3	RESTORES FUNDING FOR MEAT INSPECTION PROGRAM 4	ADDS CONTINGENT FUNDING FOR WILDLIFE SERVICES 5	TOTAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE CHANGES
Salaries and wages	(\$6,114)			\$37,995		\$31,881
Operating expenses			\$50,000	23,500		73,500
Capital assets						
Grants						
Board of Animal Health	(875)					(875)
Crop Harmonization Board		(\$200,000)				(200,000)
Contingent appropriation					\$130,000	130,000
Total all funds	(\$6,989)	(\$200,000)	\$50,000	\$61,495	\$130,000	\$34,506
Less estimated income	(3,110)	(200,000)	50,000		130,000	(23,110)
General fund	(\$3,879)	\$0	\$0	\$61,495	\$0	\$57,616
FTE	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00

- <sup>1</sup> This amendment reduces funding for state employee health insurance premiums from \$559.15 to \$553.95 per month.
- <sup>2</sup> The Senate reduced the appropriation authority for the Crop Harmonization Board which is not needed because of continuing appropriation authority.
- <sup>3</sup> The Senate increased funding for Project Safe Send by \$50,000 from the environment and rangeland protection fund.
- <sup>4</sup> The Senate restored funding for a meat inspector position and related operating expenses.
- <sup>5</sup> The Senate added \$130,000 from the game and fish fund, contingent on federal funds not being available for the program. If the federal funding for the cooperative wildlife damage management program for North Dakota Wildlife Services for federal fiscal year 2006 is less than \$400,000, then \$65,000 of game and fish funds are appropriated for wildlife services programs. If the federal funding for the cooperative wildlife damage management program for North Dakota Wildlife Services for federal fiscal year 2007 is less than \$400,000, then \$65,000 of game and fish funds are appropriated for wildlife services programs.

The conference committee restored \$50,000 from the environment and rangeland protection fund for saltcedar surveys and eradication. The Senate had reduced funding by this amount.

The conference committee provided for a Legislative Council study of the feasibility and desirability of implementing a license fee for businesses receiving services under the state meat inspection program.