

2009 SENATE TRANSPORTATION

SB 2146

2009 SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE MINUTES

Bill/Resolution No. 2146

Senate Transportation Committee

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Hearing Date: January 16, 2009

Recorder Job Number: 7112

Committee Clerk Signature

Jody Hauge

Minutes:

Senator Lee opened the hearing on SB 2146 relating to the transfer of motorboat registration fee revenues.

Lawrence Hopkins, Deputy Treasurer for the Office of State Treasurer, testified in support of SB 2146. Written testimony #1. The request is being made in order to provide their office some flexibility in the timing of gathering the information and making the distribution.

No other testimony.

Senator Lee closed the hearing.

Senator Potter moved a do pass.

Senator Nodland seconded the motion. (4-0) Senator Nething and Senator Marcellais were absent.

Senator Nodland will carry the bill.

REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE

SB 2146: Transportation Committee (Sen. G. Lee, Chairman) recommends DO PASS
(4 YEAS, 0 NAYS, 2 ABSENT AND NOT VOTING). SB 2146 was placed on the
Eleventh order on the calendar.

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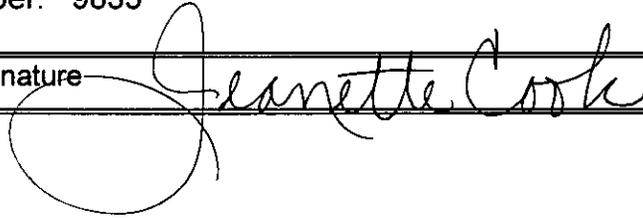
House Transportation Committee

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Hearing Date: 02/27/09

Recorder Job Number: 9833

Committee Clerk Signature

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Minutes:

Lawrence Hopkins, Deputy State Treasurer for the Office of State Treasurer, spoke in support of SB 2146. See attachment #1.

Representative Delmore: Most of the time there is a good reason that the monies need to be there by a certain date. Most agencies do that. Why should we make an exception on this? What is the problem with getting the monies on that date?

Lawrence Hopkins: It causes a problem because the boat is registered on July 1st as well. It makes it difficult to register the boats, and distribute the money on the same day. It is too close.

Representative Delmore: It is still a loss of income. I think that a month is a lot of leeway for this. What if we put July 5th or 15th? What are the number of boats?

Lawrence Hopkins: I don't know for sure. I would have to get the information. I don't believe that there is any interest issue with this as far as the time of the month. The only reason that we asked to have a month, is that we do twenty-eight different tax distributions in our office. July and February are our biggest months. We have a lot of bills in this legislative session to try to allow us some flexibility and try to use our people and time efficiently.

Representative Delmore: I think that we are opening the door, and it sets a precedent. A month is a lot of time.

Lawrence Hopkins: We have asked Legislative Council when there is a special date if there is a reason why that date was picked, or if someone just picked it? We have asked Legislative Council to give us some flexibility on those dates.

Chairman Ruby: It seems reasonable to move that back, but what the date should be is questionable.

Lawrence Hopkins: Right now, we do flex it with twenty-eight different tax distributions. We do the bulk of them in two segments. One group is done by the eleventh and the other by the twentieth. We are trying to use the seven people in our office as efficiently as possible.

There was no opposition to SB 2146.

The hearing was closed on SB 2146.

Chairman Ruby asked the committee's wishes on SB 2146.

Representative Delmore repeated her concern that this change opens the door to other changes, and that a month is too long. We could change the date to another time.

Chairman Ruby: Are we talking about a significant amount?

Paul Schadewald, Chief of Administrative Services of North Dakota Game and Fish, stated that the amount is between would be between \$100,000 and \$125,000 a year. There are about 40,000 to 45,000 boats.

Representative Weiler: The moneys that you need for this safety program, do you have to have them by the first of July, or is it OK to have them by some other point during the month?

Paul Schadewald: We are fine any time during that month. We are not waiting for that money each year when that happens.

Representative Thorpe confirmed that pontoons are included in the motor boat category.

Representative Weiler: Given the fact that the Game and Fish isn't looking for this money and doesn't need it by a certain day, I don't see any reason that we can't allow the treasurer's office the flexibility to change this.

Representative Weisz moved a **Do Pass** on SB 2146.

Representative Sukut seconded the motion.

Representative Delmore: I would still like to see a date certain put on it. I think that it is fine for this, but we have a lot of departments in the capitol and are setting precedents for them to take the whole month to take their payments too.

Representative Delmore: If payment is allowable the whole month, does that do anything with the fiscal?

Chairman Ruby: No, it shouldn't.

A roll call vote was taken. **Aye 12 Nay 1 Absent 1**

The motion passed.

Representative Sukut will carry SB 2146.

Date: 2-27-09

Roll Call Vote #: 1

2009 HOUSE STANDING COMMITTEE ROLL CALL VOTES

BILL/RESOLUTION NO. 2146

House TRANSPORTATION Committee

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Legislative Council Amendment Number _____

Action Taken Do pass Don't Pass Amended

Motion Made By Weisz Seconded By Sukut

Representatives	Yes	No	Representatives	Yes	No
Representative Ruby - Chairman	✓		Representative Delmore		✓
Rep. Weiler - Vice Chairman	✓		Representative Griffin	✓	
Representative Frantsvog	✓		Representative Gruchalla	✓	
Representative Heller	✓		Representative Potter	✓	
Representative R. Kelsch	A		Representative Schmidt	✓	
Representative Sukut	✓		Representative Thorpe	✓	
Representative Vigesaa	✓				
Representative Weisz	✓				

Total Yes 12 No 1

Absent 1

Bill Carrier Sukut

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

REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE

SB 2146: Transportation Committee (Rep. Ruby, Chairman) recommends DO PASS
(12 YEAS, 1 NAY, 1 ABSENT AND NOT VOTING). SB 2146 was placed on the
Fourteenth order on the calendar.

2009 TESTIMONY

SB 2146

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SB2146 Testimony

Mr. Chairman, members of the committee:

For the record, I am Lawrence Hopkins, Deputy Treasurer for the Office of State Treasurer. I am here in support of Senate Bill 2146 relating to the transfer of motorboat registration fee revenues.

Section 1 of this bill changes the timing of the transfer of motorboat registration fee revenues from July 1st to the month of July. This request is being made in order to provide our office some flexibility in the timing of gathering the information and making the distribution.

There is no fiscal note attached to this bill.

Attachment #1

SB2146 Testimony

Lawrence Hopkins- Deputy Treasurer
February 27, 2009
House Transportation

Mr. Chairman, members of the committee:

For the record, I am Lawrence Hopkins, Deputy Treasurer for the Office of State Treasurer. I am here in support of Senate Bill 2146 relating to the transfer of motorboat registration fee revenues.

Section 1 of this bill changes the time of the transfer of motorboat registration fee revenues from July 1st to the month of July. This request is being made in order that our office may gain efficiencies by ~~combining~~ *combining* distributions and utilizing staff time in most effective manner.

There is no fiscal note attached to this bill.