

2011 SENATE APPROPRIATIONS

SB 2239

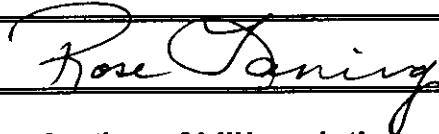
# 2011 SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE MINUTES

Senate Appropriations Committee  
Harvest Room, State Capitol

SB 2239  
January 24, 2011  
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Conference Committee

Committee Clerk Signature



## Explanation or reason for introduction of bill/resolution:

A bill to provide an appropriation to the parks and recreation department for recreational leadership and facilities grants.

## Minutes:

See attached testimony #1 - 2.

**Co-Chairman Grindberg** called the committee hearing to order on SB 2239. Roll call was taken. Sheila M. Sandness - Legislative Council; Joe Morrissette - OMB.

## **Dana Scharr, Executive Director, ND Recreation and Parks Association**

Said that Ron Merritt was originally going to testify, but was still on the road and conditions are not good, so she introduced **Cole Higlin with the Mandan Park District**

## **Cole Higlin (filling in for Ron Merritt, Legislative Chair, ND Recreation & Parks Association - NDRPA)**

Testimony attached - # 1 Testified in favor of SB 2239.

Testimony attached - # 2 – ND Outdoor Recreation Facility Community Grant Program 2009-11

Reading from testimony –

**Senator Bowman** said your request was for \$750,000, and you received \$400,000 in the last biennium? What is the huge increase?

**Cole Higlin** said they've had more requests than money was available. A playground equipment package 25 years ago could've been purchased for around \$20-25,000. Today the playgrounds at most schools are about \$75-100,000 materials alone.

**Senator Wardner** asked what other projects would this money have been spent on.

**Cole Higlin** referred to attached testimony # 2 which gave a breakdown of all the projects that were awarded in 2009-10. They've had a lot of funding requests with total project costs of \$3.5 M.

**Senator Bowman** asked what a dog park was and **Cole Higlin** said it's a park that allows residents to let their dog off the leash and run within a park.

**Senator David Oehlke, District 15**

**Senator Oehlke** sponsored the bill and said it was brought to him by their local park district. A similar bill was brought before the legislature last session and was allowed \$400,000 as a matching grant for projects. It was left out of the Governor's Executive Budget this year, so this bill is requesting that it be put back in. He asked the committees favorable support.

**Senator Kilzer:** In the Governor's Executive Budget and any other sources, the sum is \$0?

**Senator Oehlke:** Yes. There was no number figured about where the money should come from.

**Ron Merritt** (entering room), Legislative Chair, NDRPA  
Testified in favor of SB 2239.

**Ron Merritt's** testimony had been read but he wanted to ask the committee for their favorable support. the Minot Park District was a recipient of a recreational grant and they were able to use the money as well as local dollars to complete the \$200,000 project with a \$75,000 grant. It would be a great help to put this in the budget.

**Senator Bowman** asked if this bill was passed, would they then need a maintenance budget. How are they planning to take care of it?

**Ron Merritt** said they are able to keep up at this point, but being a city in the west, they are seeing extreme growth. They wouldn't be able to build a playground like that on their own, and the help was definitely appreciated.

**Senator Grindberg** closed the hearing on SB 2239.

# 2011 SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE MINUTES

Senate Appropriations Committee  
Harvest Room, State Capitol

SB 2239  
February 17, 2011  
Job # 14705 (Meter starting at 79:04)

Conference Committee

Committee Clerk Signature

*Rose Tanning*

## Explanation or reason for introduction of bill/resolution:

A committee vote on the parks and recreation department's recreational leadership and facilities grants

## Minutes:

You may make reference to "attached testimony."

Chairman Holmberg opened the hearing on SB 2239.

## Vote 1

Senator Krebsbach moved Do Pass on amendment 11.0498.01001  
Senator Erbele seconded.

Senator Krebsbach said when the bill came in there was a request for \$750,000 and we are now looking at \$400,000. This is a program that has been ongoing a few years and was not included in the Governor's Executive Budget. This is a program that is on a matching basis to Parks throughout the state. It has gone to a number of different areas – even schools have used it in playground areas that has become community playground areas. It is that little extra boost for smaller communities to get projects done within their area.

Senator Krebsbach listed several communities who received grants.

A Roll Call vote was taken. Yea: 13 Nay: 0 Absent: 0  
Motion carried.

## Vote 2

Senator Krebsbach moved Do Pass as Amended on SB 2239.  
Senator O'Connell seconded.

A Roll Call vote was taken. Yea: 6 Nay: 7 Absent: 0  
Motion failed.

Senator Krebsbach said these are local community parks saying this is a good program. If we say no to projects like this, we're not giving them a chance.

**Vote 3**

**Senator Grindberg moved Do Not Pass on SB 2239.**

**Senator Wardner seconded.**

**A Roll Call vote was taken. Yea: 7 Nay: 6 Absent: 0**

**Motion carried.**

**Senator Grindberg will carry the bill.**

11.0498.01001  
Title.

Prepared by the Legislative Council staff for  
Senator Krebsbach  
February 16, 2011

PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO SENATE BILL NO. 2239

Page 1, line 5, replace "\$750,000" with "\$400,000"

Renumber accordingly

Date: 2-17-11  
Roll Call Vote # 1

2011 SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE ROLL CALL VOTES  
BILL/RESOLUTION NO. 2239

Senate Appropriation Committee

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Legislative Council Amendment Number 11.0498.01001

Action Taken:  Do Pass  Do Not Pass  Amended  Adopt Amendment  
 Rerefer to Appropriations  Reconsider

Motion Made By Krebsbach Seconded By Erbele

Senators	Yes	No	Senators	Yes	No
Chairman Holmberg	✓		Senator Warner	✓	
Senator Bowman	✓		Senator O'Connell	✓	
Senator Grindberg	✓		Senator Robinson	✓	
Senator Christmann	✓				
Senator Wardner	✓				
Senator Kilzer	✓				
Senator Fischer	✓				
Senator Krebsbach	✓				
Senator Erbele	✓				
Senator Wanzek	✓				

Total (Yes) 13 No 0

Absent 0

Floor Assignment \_\_\_\_\_

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

Date: 2-17-11  
Roll Call Vote # 2

2011 SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE ROLL CALL VOTES  
BILL/RESOLUTION NO. 2239

Senate Appropriations Committee

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Legislative Council Amendment Number on SB 2239

Action Taken:  Do Pass  Do Not Pass  Amended  Adopt Amendment  
 Rerefer to Appropriations  Reconsider

Motion Made By Krebsbach Seconded By O'Connell

Senators	Yes	No	Senators	Yes	No
Chairman Holmberg		✓	Senator Warner	✓	
Senator Bowman		✓	Senator O'Connell	✓	
Senator Grindberg		✓	Senator Robinson	✓	
Senator Christmann		✓			
Senator Wardner		✓			
Senator Kilzer		✓			
Senator Fischer		✓			
Senator Krebsbach	✓				
Senator Erbele	✓				
Senator Wanzek	✓				

Total (Yes) 6 No 7

Absent \_\_\_\_\_

Floor Assignment \_\_\_\_\_

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

*Failed*



Date: 2-17-11  
Roll Call Vote # 3

2011 SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE ROLL CALL VOTES  
BILL/RESOLUTION NO. 2239

Senate Approp Committee

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Legislative Council Amendment Number on SB 2239

Action Taken:  Do Pass  Do Not Pass  Amended  Adopt Amendment  
 Rerefer to Appropriations  Reconsider

Motion Made By Grindberg Seconded By Wardner

Senators	Yes	No	Senators	Yes	No
Chairman Holmberg	✓		Senator Warner		✓
Senator Bowman	✓		Senator O'Connell		✓
Senator Grindberg	✓		Senator Robinson		✓
Senator Christmann	✓				
Senator Wardner	✓				
Senator Kilzer	✓				
Senator Fischer	✓				
Senator Krebsbach		✓			
Senator Erbele		✓			
Senator Wanzek		✓			

Total (Yes) 7 No 4

Absent 0

Floor Assignment Grindberg

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**REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE**

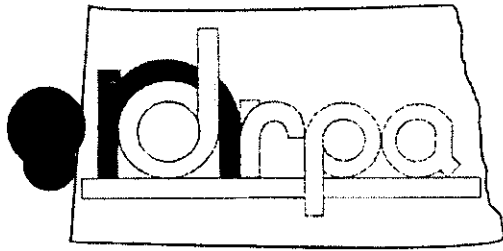
**SB 2239: Appropriations Committee (Sen. Holmberg, Chairman)** recommends **AMENDMENTS AS FOLLOWS** and when so amended, recommends **DO NOT PASS** (7 YEAS, 6 NAYS, 0 ABSENT AND NOT VOTING). SB 2239 was placed on the Sixth order on the calendar.

Page 1, line 5, replace "\$750,000" with "\$400,000"

Renumber accordingly

2011 TESTIMONY

SB 2239



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**Testimony of Ron Merritt, Legislative Chair for the North Dakota Recreation & Park Association  
To Senate Appropriations Committee  
In Support of SB 2239, Recreational Leadership and Facilities Grant  
Monday, January 24, 2011**

Chairman Holmberg and Members of the Committee, my name is Ron Merritt, and I am legislative chair for the North Dakota Recreation & Park Association (NDRPA) and director of the Minot Park District. NDRPA represents more than 500 members across the state, including park board members and park district staff, and works to advance parks and recreation for quality of life in North Dakota. I am here on behalf of NDRPA in support of Senate Bill 2239.

This community grant program is modeled after a federal program, the Land and Water Conservation Fund (LWCF), which has provided funding for the acquisition and development of public land for outdoor recreation and open space since 1964. The fund provides 50/50 matching grants-in-aid to states and their political subdivisions.

This state grant program is essential because federal funding from Land and Water has been drastically reduced, from a high of \$369 million in 1979 to less than \$38 million in 2010. This means North Dakota's funding has been reduced from a high of \$3 million to about \$225,000 last year. The parks community grant program would fund new development of and enhancements to North Dakota parks and recreation facilities that are valuable community infrastructure, including playgrounds, pools, multi-purpose fields and trails. Further, the state's return-on-investment is high with these projects, as local communities often invest more funds than the required 50/50 match.

NDRPA asks for continuing support for the recreational leadership and facilities matching grant program, which received \$400,000 in the last biennium. Although not included in this year's executive budget, the program leverages state and local funds to increase much needed outdoor recreation opportunities in both rural and urban communities across the state.

With the state's strong economy, now is the time to support investment in public parks and recreation in North Dakota with a DO PASS recommendation on SB 2239. North Dakota needs to keep being proactive in expanding public parks and recreation programs and facilities that enhance quality of life and help attract and keep families to our state. Thank you.

## North Dakota Outdoor Recreation Facility Community Grant Program 2009-2011

The matching grant program received 50 applications for the 2009-2011 biennium, requesting \$1,702,852 in grant funding with total project costs (or recreational need) of \$3,545,673. With the \$400,000 in state funding, 11 projects were funded, a few of which were not fully funded the 50 percent match they requested.

### 2009 Grant Awards

Sponsor	Project Name	Grant Amount	Total Project Cost
Carson Park Board	Carson Picnic Area	\$5,000	\$10,000
Jamestown Parks & Recreation	Leapaldt Park Playground	\$23,500	\$47,117
Minot Park District	Magic Smiles Playground	\$75,000	\$200,000
Park River Public School District #78	Park River School Playground	\$50,000	\$150,000
Tower City Park Board	Alexander Park Playground	\$26,500	\$53,000
Washburn Parks & Recreation	Renner Park Playground	\$20,000	\$63,000
West Fargo Park District	Westside Park Playground	\$15,000	\$30,000
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>\$215,000</b>	<b>\$553,117</b>

### 2010 Grant Awards

Sponsor	Project Name	Grant Amount	Total Project Cost
Bismarck Parks & Recreation	Bismarck Jaycee Park Playground	\$49,966	\$200,000
Edgeley Park Board	Edgeley Pool	\$50,000	\$1,100,000
Grafton Park Board	Grafton Dog Park	\$30,000	\$60,000
Hazen Parks & Recreation	Hazen Riverside Park	\$42,568	\$94,136
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>\$172,534</b>	<b>\$1,454,136</b>