

2011 SENATE APPROPRIATIONS

SB 2340

# 2011 SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE MINUTES

## Senate Appropriations Committee Harvest Room, State Capitol

SB 2340  
02-02-2011  
Job # 13835

☐ Conference Committee

Committee Clerk Signature

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

A BILL to provide an appropriation to the state treasurer to distribute emergency snow removal funds to counties, cities, and townships, and to declare an emergency.

### Minutes:

See attached testimony.

**Chairman Holmberg** called the committee to order on Tuesday, February 2, 2011 at 9:00 am in reference to SB 2340. All committee members were present except Senator Robinson and V. Chair Grindberg. Joe Morrisette, OMB and Roxanne Woeste, Legislative Council were present.

**Senator Ryan Taylor, District 7** introduced the bill in support this bill. He stated it is a simple Bill, providing funds for snow removal. He referred to the Bill that was passed last session that had conditions on it, this does not. He provided Testimony attached # 1., a map that shows the snow pack. He stated he has prepared an amendment. He urged a DO PASS on SB 2340.

**Chairman Holmberg:** Thank you for bringing the bill before us, make sure you sign the sheet. This Bill will be assigned to the subcommittee of the Adjutant General which is Senator Grindberg, Senator Holmberg and Senator Warner.

**Representative Marvin E. Nelson, District 9** testified in favor of SB 2340 Testimony attached # 2. and Testimony attached # 3. ND Crop, Livestock and Weather Report. The last page shows the forecast, below normal temperatures and more snowfall. It is taking a lot of money, the \$19 million isn't adequate but will help and I would ask for favorable consideration for additional money.

**Chairman Holmberg** stated that the subcommittee and the whole committee if they want it will be provided copies of the reports of how we spent the money last time.

**Terry Traynor, Assistant Director ND Association of Counties (NDAC)** testified in favor of SB 2340 and Testimony attached # 4. Showing 14 counties where they are concerning emergencies. Eight of these counties have declared an emergency already, 4 have said they have private contractors to clear the roads; 8 said they have townships that are already using private contractors for this purpose. A number of counties sent in pictures,

plugged roads, and high banks, no place to plow. I did an analysis based on the language of the Bill distributed out by jurisdiction on the formulas that are cited in the Bill you can get an idea of what the counties would get, what the cities would get and then the townships from this fund as it is. I had a meeting and met with several folks from all over the state and I was reminded by them for me to urge the Legislators to move along quickly because we have townships that just don't know what to do, they don't have the funds and if there is no assurance that they are going to have any help it may be difficult for them to continue to incur the costs of contractors. They are very concerning regarding snow removal, flooding and related problems, and that is all over the state. I would like to see this bill passed.

**V. Chair Grindberg:** You mentioned 8 counties that declared emergencies already, it would be helpful if you could provide the last 3 year summary or budget amounts that each of those counties has allocated for snow removal. I would like to see the trend and what they are budgeting for locally as well. If you could pull that information and get it to the subcommittee that would be great.

**Terry Traynor:** I will try to gather that information. I do want to point out that counties have an emergency fund for this but they are small counties. They can keep up to 15 mills in that fund but they can only add 2 mills a year; so those that have exhausted their funds in 09 haven't had enough year to build up their emergency fund. It takes 8 years to build up the emergency fund again.

**Chairman Holmberg:** This bill this year is just sending out the money. It seemed to me last time there were some criteria that had to be met by counties as far as the amount of snow removal they had versus how much money they had and were able to raise. Did that concern you that last time there was that formula in there and this time there is no language the money just is sent out.

**Terry Traynor:** The language in 09 was a bit restrictive, because it required that you get to 200 percent before the first dollar came in and then it was a matching after that. A number of counties and townships did not qualify. This is a better vehicle, everyone would share in it and everyone would share somewhat equally although the formulas are driven more by population than snow depth, it is different but may be better considering the wide nature of the snow.

**Senator Erbele:** On your distribution chart, a number of counties in my district don't have townships, can we assume the monies in the township column gets moved over to the county side then? He was told yes.

**Senator O'Connell:** If these roads are left with snow on them, what kind of damage and more expense trying to fix them up and then get the snow off and into the ditch will there be.

**Terry Traynor:** It is a very good point, if you leave the snow on the road, it melts, it saturates the road bed, and particularly if you have traffic then right away you have a lot bigger mess to deal with when it is gone.

**Senator Krebsbach** asked if the Bill in 2009 covered the two years of the biennium 2009-2010 or was it just for 2009 and if it was just for 2009 how assistance was given to the counties and cities and townships in 2010 because there was a lot of snowfall then too.

**Terry Traynor:** The money that was appropriated in 2009 was only available for costs incurred January 1 through March 31, It was a window of several months and that was the limitation. The legislature did provide additional funding for county roads for the entire biennium and we encouraged counties to make sure they didn't spend it all if they could avoid it so there would be more for the second biennium but there was no dedicated funds provided for the second year of the biennium or the 2010 spring.

**Keith Magnusson, ND League of Cities:** I'll just say that cities are having similar problems to what has been pointed out, and unlike 2009, this is very widespread event, so the cities all across the state having problems and they have the additional problems can't move the snow to the side of the road. They have to move a lot of their snow, so cities are rapidly using up their allocations in their emergency funds that they have set aside

**Dennis Hill, ND Association of Rural Electric (NDARE)** testified in favor of SB 2340. We have about 60,000 miles of distribution line to take care of and we need these roads to have access to our facilities. We'd like to see a DO PASS on SB 2340.

**Larry Syverson, ND Township Offices Association (NDTOA)** testified in favor of SB 2340. I am a farmer from Mayville in Trail County. Back home I could see many of the township roads are pushed up, banks on both sides, so far they are getting through, we are now in a condition that if it snows it will be trapped on the roads and they will close. Back here, we have gotten reports from Emmons County, roads are frequently closing. Burleigh County has sent out letters to townships advising them to put a list together what they need. In McLean County, we got a call from a resident there, the township has been out 3 times and opened the road and now the township is out of money. Her husband is in town, he can't get home the heat is out, what can we do, her husband is stuck in town, can't get home, she's stuck at home and the heat's out and what can we do. It is serious out there.

**V. Chair Bowman:** I know the problem, we will have a big mess not just the snow mess but the mud mess later on and that will cause a lot of damage to township and county roads.

**Richard Schlosser, NDFU and a farmer in Lamoure County:** testified in favor of SB 2340. He stated the problem is all over the state. He stated he was at a Board of Governors meeting which is essentially the representation of county presidents from each county across the state and last evening there was a lot of discussion of all the problems across the state. Farmers have to get out to feed their cattle and need the snow removed to feed, and a lot of farmers have contracted to have their grain moved before the roads get soft so we need this Bill. We encourage the passing of SB 2340.

**Chairman Holmberg** stated this Bill will go to the subcommittee and closed the hearing on SB 2340.


# 2011 SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE MINUTES

Senate Appropriations Committee  
Harvest Room, State Capitol

SB 2340  
02-21-2011  
Job # 14782 (Meter19.10)

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

A Roll call vote on Emergency Snow Removal Funds

## Minutes:

You may make reference to "attached testimony."

**Chairman Holmberg** called the committee back to order in reference to SB 2340.

**V. Chair Grindberg moved Do Not Pass. Seconded by Senator Wardner.**

**Chairman Holmberg** That last bill (SB 2304) should go behind 2016, as will 2340. We have a Do Not Pass Motion.

**V. Chair Grindberg** explained about the delayed bill, section 1 of that bill, provides for \$9 million and would alter the criteria slightly as we discussed in one of our subcommittee meetings on the procedures for reimbursement. Presently you need to be 200% of the average snow removal costs and then it was dollar for dollar as present, or last year, in 2009, and this bill would take that to 60/40, 60% using this same threshold, and the discussion that leaders had with myself would be that this would be a fast track bill; it would be available sooner than the end of the session. So that is one of the reasons why it is not in 2016.

**Chairman Holmberg** The intention is as soon as it is introduced we will hold the hearing the hearing on it as soon as we possibly can. A delayed bill doesn't have to meet crossover deadlines, however. Would you call the Roll on **DO NOT PASS ON SB 2340.**

**A Roll Call vote was taken. Yea: 13 Nay: 0; Absent 0. Chairman Holmberg will carry the Bill.**

**Chairman Holmberg** stated this bill needs to go on the floor after SB 2016. There was further discussion about other bills they will be passing out of committee but no further action was taken at this time. The hearing was closed on SB 2340.

Date: 2-21-11  
Roll Call Vote # 1

2011 SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE ROLL CALL VOTES  
BILL/RESOLUTION NO. 2340

Senate Appropriations Committee

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

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     | ✓   |    |                   |     |    |
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Total (Yes) 13 No 0

Absent 0

Floor Assignment Holmberg

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

**REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE**

**SB 2340: Appropriations Committee (Sen. Holmberg, Chairman)** recommends **DO NOT PASS** (13 YEAS, 0 NAYS, 0 ABSENT AND NOT VOTING). SB 2340 was placed on the Eleventh order on the calendar.

2011 TESTIMONY

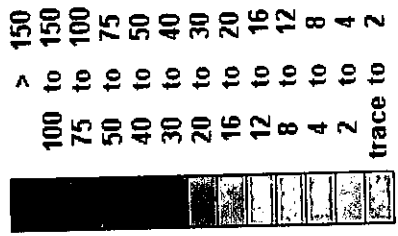
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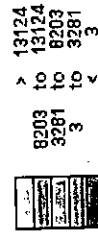


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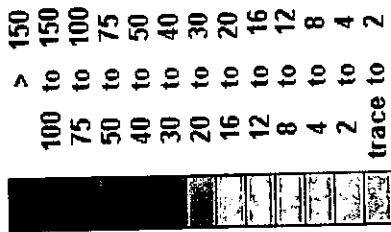


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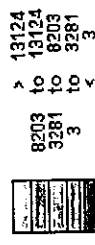


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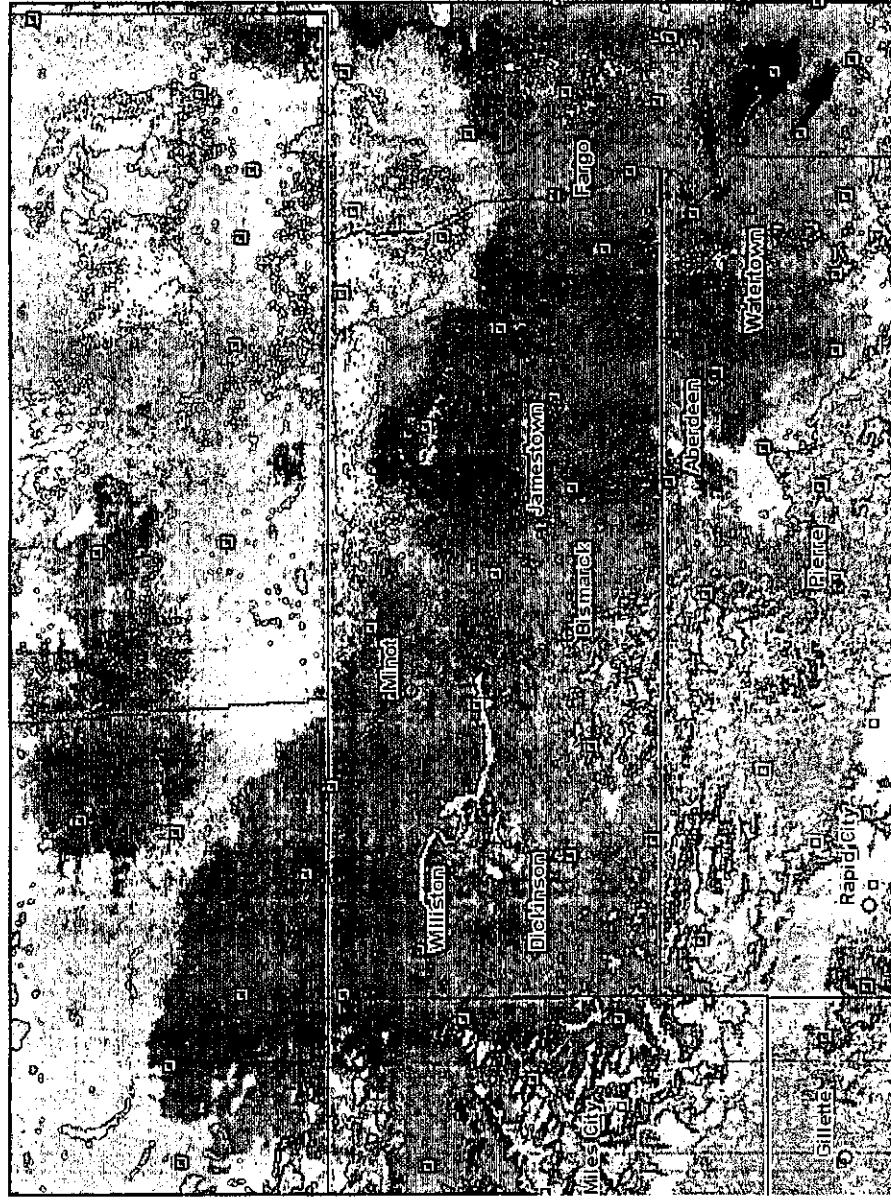
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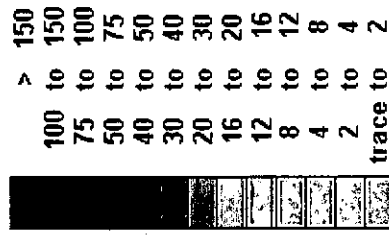


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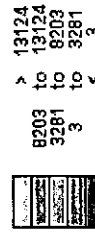


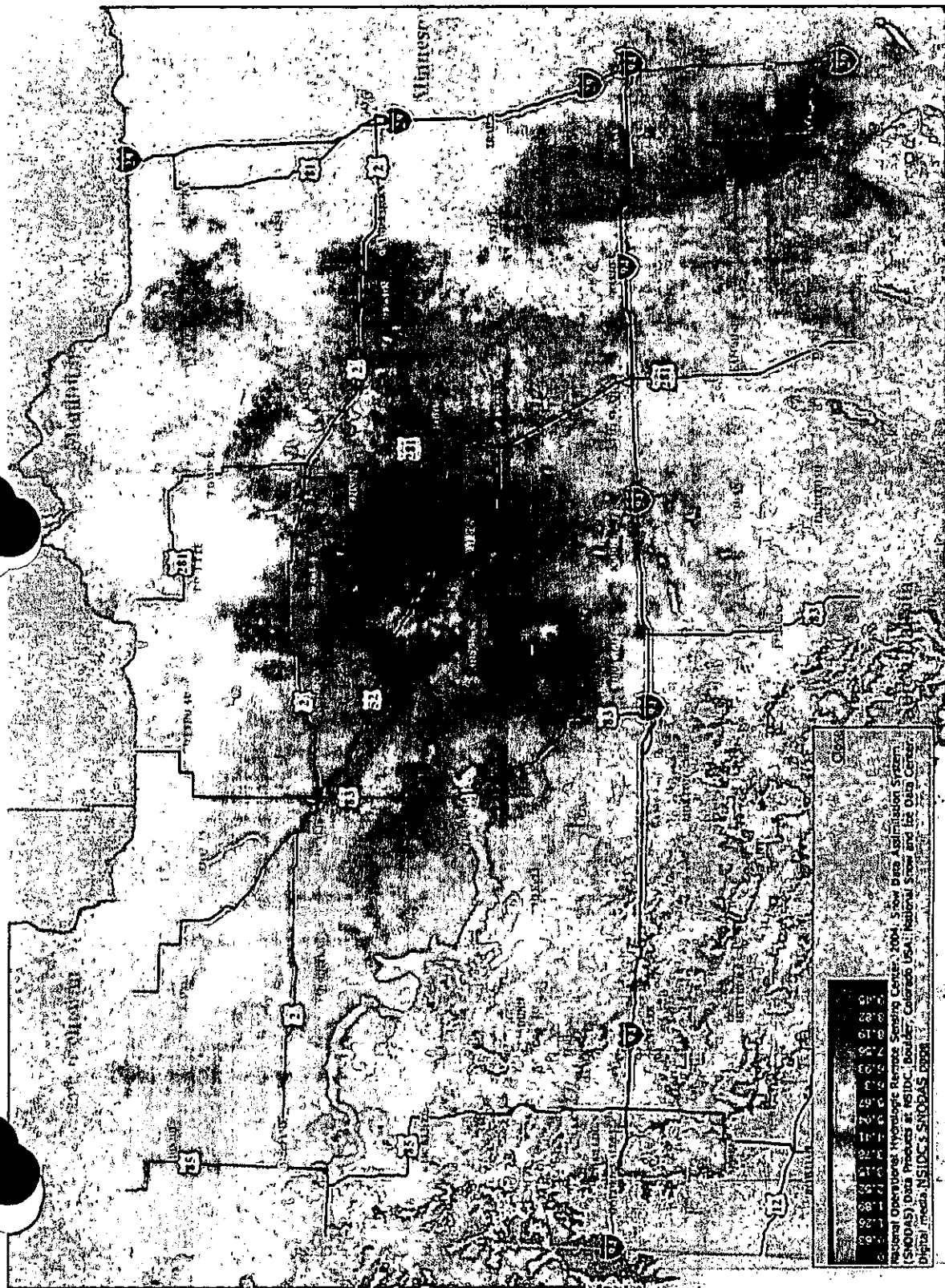
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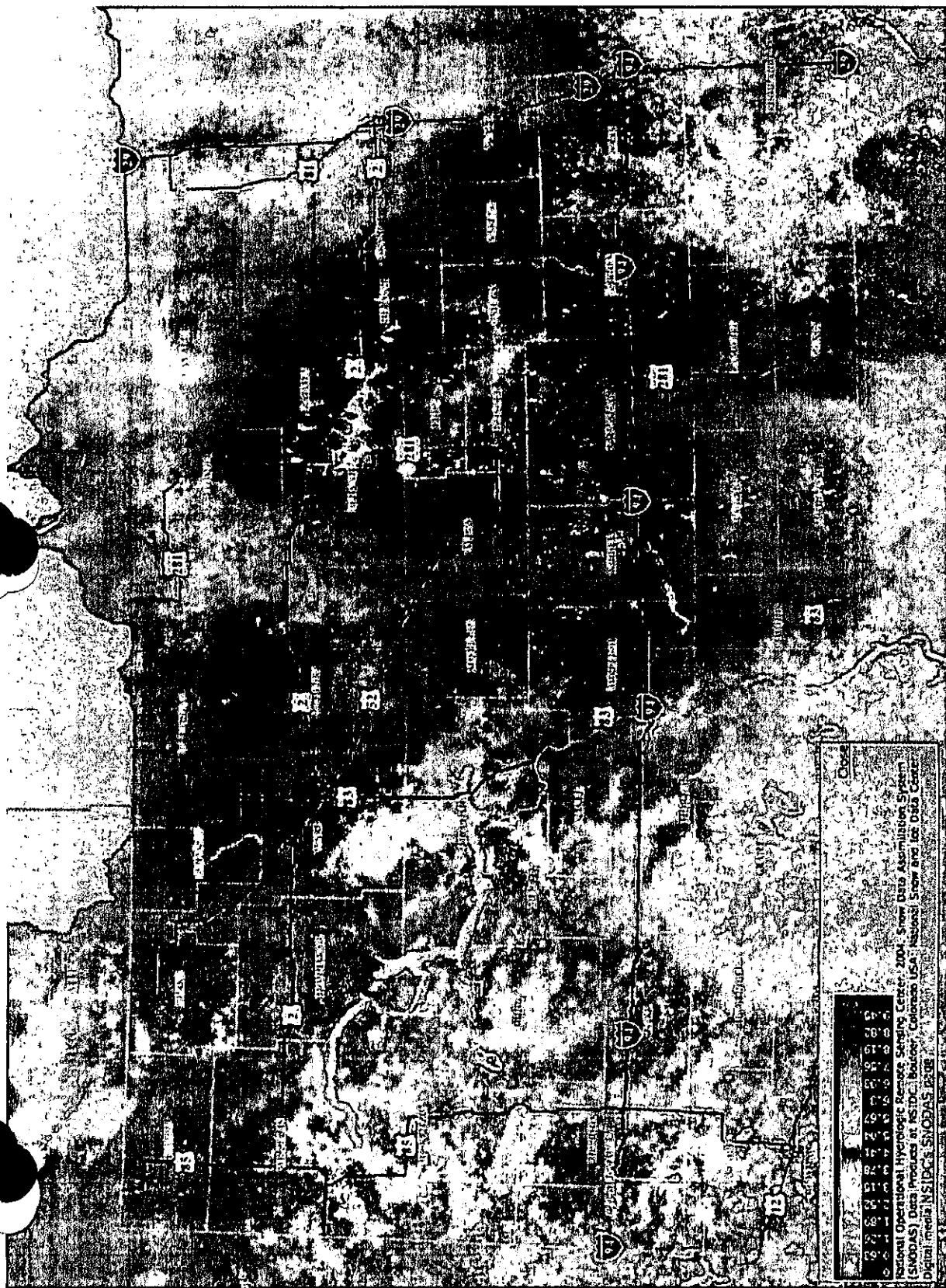
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February 2, 2009



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February 2, 2010





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Source: ND State Water Commission, February 1, 2011

January 31, 2011

Testimony of Representative Marvin E. Nelson before the Senate Appropriation Committee 2/2/2011

Snow, everywhere snow it came earlier and it keeps on getting deeper.

Across the state political subdivisions have been hit with a lot of snow and a lot of wind to move it around. Results, they have had to plow and push and haul way more than a normal winter, and there's two months left to go.

NASS Report from 1/31/2011

-Average snow depth 24.3 inches, about 8 inches more than 2009. Also gives a basic road report and a forecast for below normal temps and above normal precipitation for Feb.

Political subdivisions were not in good shape to weather this storm.

Repeated disasters have depleted emergency funds, as has oil activity. Townships in particular do not have the resources to adjust to this situation, I am hearing that some townships have run out of funds and are parking the snowplows.

Why is the bill set up the way it is.

The snow is so widespread. There's really no one that couldn't show spending the money on snow if they had to go into their books and fill out applications and such. So decided the highway tax was a good framework to use to get the money out and not exclude those with problems due to some crease in a formula.

Didn't look to emergency fund because after snow comes floods, roads are soft, not frozen under the snow, and I wasn't going to be forever known as the freshman legislator who raided the emergency fund just before the big floods came.

So it's set up to go to roads, it's not near anywhere enough to be excessive but subdivisions don't have to be burdened with additional bookkeeping requirements to chase exactly which dollar went where. There will probably be roads washed out across ND, fixes that need to be done as a result of the snowmelt and so on. Studies are showing a significant underfunding of roads across the state and so this is to help the situation but really is not nearly enough to fix the problems.

# NORTH DAKOTA CROP, LIVESTOCK & WEATHER REPORT



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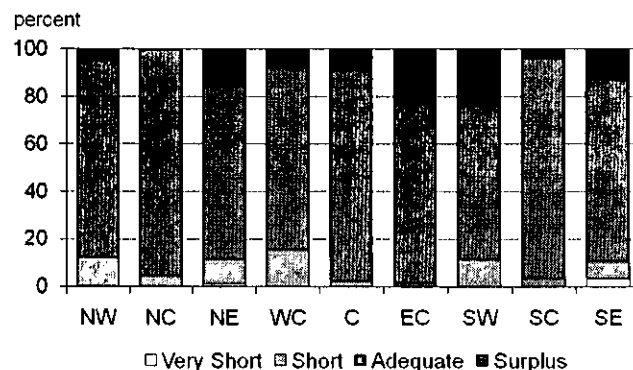
**General:** The first month of 2011 brought below normal temperatures and above average snow to North Dakota, according to the USDA, National Agricultural Statistics Service, North Dakota Field Office. Some farmers were concerned with the possibility of spring flooding, as the snow levels continued to rise. County and secondary roads on January 30 were rated as 56 percent open, 33 difficult and 11 closed. Road conditions were 53 percent drifted, 29 icy and 18 dry. Agricultural activities during January included hauling grain to market, marketing cattle, calving and lambing and removing snow.

Statewide, average snow depth was 24.3 inches on January 30, compared with 13.3 inches at this time last year and 18.3 inches on January 2, 2011. The northeast district reported the highest snow depth, with more than 33 inches received so far. The southwest district reported the lowest snow depth at 14.5 inches.

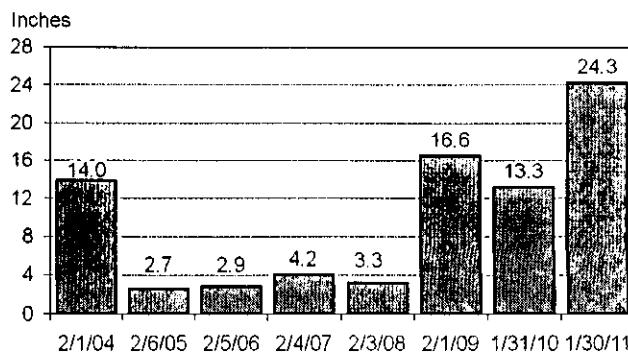
**Crops:** As of January 30, snow cover protection for alfalfa was rated 1 percent poor, 29 adequate, and 70 excellent. Snow cover protection for winter wheat was rated 33 percent adequate, and 67 excellent.

**Livestock:** Calving and lambing has begun in several areas. Cattle conditions were rated 3 percent poor, 19 fair, 69 good and 9 excellent. Sheep conditions were rated 2 percent poor, 20 fair, 68 good and 10 excellent. Hay and forage supplies were rated 7 percent short, 83 adequate and 10 surplus.

**Hay and Forage Supplies by District  
North Dakota: January 30, 2011**



**Average Snow Depth by Date - North Dakota**



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NORTH DAKOTA CROP WEATHER REPORT, Month Ending January 30, 2011

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**Weather:** Overall, January had below normal temperatures across much of the state with near to above normal temperatures in the north central and northwest. Precipitation was above normal across much of the state with near to below normal precipitation in parts of the east central and north central. Most of the January snowfall fell in the second and third weeks of the month across the state. Heavy snowfall amounts were also reported at the very beginning of the month and at the very end. Most snowfall events produced lighter snowfalls, but the frequency of the events resulted in above normal precipitation, especially across the west central part of the state through parts of the southeast and the far northeast.

**Outlook, February:** February will start out with below normal temperatures with above normal precipitation. Below normal temperatures will continue across much of the state for the second week of the month with above normal precipitation. Temperatures for the second half of the month should be below normal with above normal precipitation across much of the state. Overall for the month of February, the state will see below normal temperatures and above normal precipitation. The best chances for below normal temperatures will be in the northern and eastern areas of the state. The best chances for above normal precipitation will occur in the northern and western areas of the state.

**TEMPERATURE, January 1-30, 2011**

| District & Stations | Temperature |           |           | Depart/Norm <sup>1</sup> |
|---------------------|-------------|-----------|-----------|--------------------------|
|                     | High        | Low       | Average   |                          |
|                     | Degrees F   | Degrees F | Degrees F | Degrees F                |
| NORTHWEST           |             |           |           |                          |
| Bowbells            | 34          | -22       | 9         | 3                        |
| Williston           | 37          | -10       | 14        | 6                        |
| Mohall              | 35          | -20       | 10        | 5                        |
| Minot               | 35          | -19       | 10        | 0                        |
| NORTH CENTRAL       |             |           |           |                          |
| Baker               | 31          | -19       | 7         | 3                        |
| Bottineau           | 30          | -26       | 5         | 2                        |
| Rugby               | 32          | -20       | 7         | 1                        |
| NORTHEAST           |             |           |           |                          |
| Cando               | 31          | -23       | 5         | -5                       |
| Cavalier            | 37          | -26       | 4         | 2                        |
| Forest River        | 34          | -27       | 3         | -2                       |
| Grand Forks         | 35          | -27       | 1         | -4                       |
| Langdon             | 32          | -23       | 4         | 3                        |
| St. Thomas          | 35          | -25       | 2         | -3                       |
| WEST CENTRAL        |             |           |           |                          |
| Hazen               | 37          | -16       | 12        | 1                        |
| Turtle Lake         | 33          | -18       | 9         | 2                        |
| Watford City        | 36          | -10       | 13        | 0                        |
| CENTRAL             |             |           |           |                          |
| Carrington          | 33          | -17       | 8         | 1                        |
| Harvey              | 34          | -18       | 9         | 0                        |
| Jamestown           | 34          | -18       | 9         | 0                        |
| Robinson            | 35          | -19       | 9         | -2                       |
| Streeter            | 34          | -17       | 10        | 3                        |
| EAST CENTRAL        |             |           |           |                          |
| Dazey               | 34          | -25       | 5         | 0                        |
| Fargo               | 35          | -29       | 2         | -4                       |
| Hillsboro           | 34          | -30       | 0         | -5                       |
| SOUTHWEST           |             |           |           |                          |
| Beach               | 38          | -7        | 16        | 1                        |
| Bowman              | 39          | -10       | 16        | 2                        |
| Dickinson           | 38          | -14       | 14        | 0                        |
| Hettinger           | 38          | -15       | 13        | -1                       |
| SOUTH CENTRAL       |             |           |           |                          |
| Mandan              | 37          | -13       | 13        | 3                        |
| Linton              | 37          | -17       | 12        | 3                        |
| SOUTHEAST           |             |           |           |                          |
| Edgeley             | 36          | -18       | 11        | 2                        |
| Oakes               | 38          | -20       | 6         | -1                       |
| Wyndmere            | 36          | -28       | 3         | -5                       |

<sup>1</sup> Normal is the 1971-2000 average. Weather data collected from NDAWN stations and compiled by UND Aerospace Regional Weather Information Center.

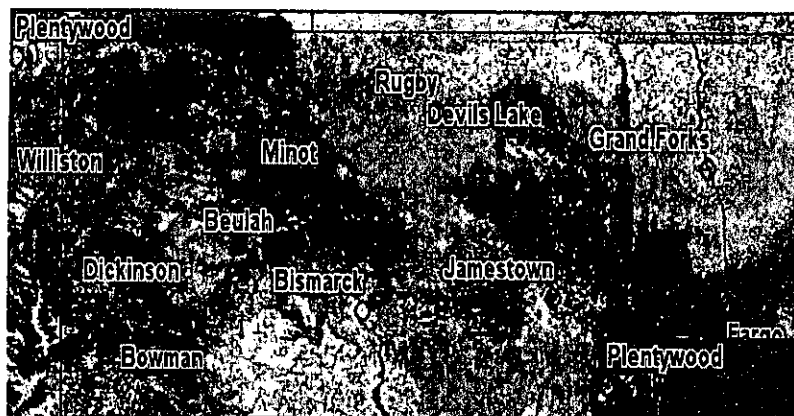
**Testimony To The  
SENATE APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE  
Prepared February 2, 2011 by  
Terry Traynor, Assistant Director  
North Dakota Association of Counties**

**REGARDING SENATE BILL No. 2340**

Chairman Holmberg and members of the Committee, I thought it may be valuable when considering this bill, to see an update of the map I provided earlier in the week. It becomes readily apparent that the snow pack has increased measurably in the south central and northeastern portions of the State in just the last two days. As the maps indicate, we are – at the end of January – already dealing with some serious snow pack levels throughout much of the State.

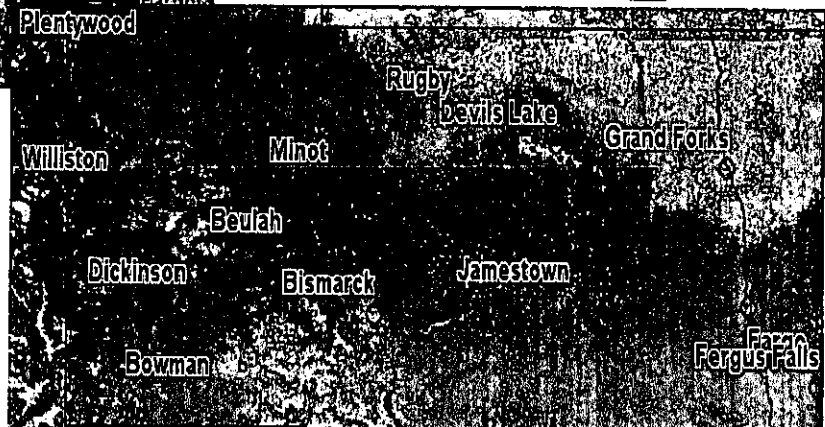
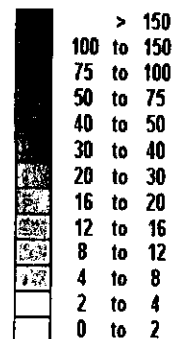
In 2009, the assistance the Legislature provided to counties, cities and townships in responding to the tremendous costs of snow removal was critical – as many of these local governments had stretched their operating budgets and exhausted their emergency funds. Already we are approaching a similar situation in many counties, and some have indicated that they may be in an even worse position than in 2009 – due to their inability to restore their emergency funds.

**North Dakota Snow Depth Analysis  
Extracted from [www.weatherstreet.com](http://www.weatherstreet.com)**



**January 30, 2011**

Inches of depth



**February 1, 2011**

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A survey was conducted to assess the impact that this winter's snow is already having on counties across the State. Fourteen counties of varying sizes from Rolette in the North and Dickey in the South; Cass in the East and Stark in the West, were contacted. Of these, eight have already declared emergencies to permit access to their emergency funds for snow removal. Four said they are already using outside contractors to push snow back from the road. Eight said they have townships that are using private contractors for this purpose.

Possibly more helpful are the comments that were included in the survey responses. I have attached them to this testimony. A number of pictures were also sent in, but have included just one that is a good example of what most of the counties are dealing with.

To give the committee an idea of what SB2340, as written, would mean to the counties, cities and townships of the state, a table has been attached showing the distribution – as the current language and formulas would suggest.

As we will all understand much better what the rest of the winter will bring before the Session ends, it is the hope of county officials that you will keep this proposal on the table for continued examination.

## Comments Collected in Survey of Snow Disaster Data

**Declared Emergency.** We have had 78" of snowfall in parts of Rolette County so far this winter. We have started dozing snow away from the roads in areas so we can keep doing snow removal on the roads. Snow removal on many roads is becoming difficult, since the snow is banked up and any little wind causes the roads to become drifted in. **Rolette County**

**Declared Emergency.** We have not hired contractors as of today, but have made contacts with them. We also made contacts for rental equipment. We have been trying to hold costs down. The (emergency) fund will not last, it will go fast with the snow conditions we have. **McLean County**

We are going to be in trouble real soon. We are burning fuel now like we do in our busy summer months' work. We used to get our roads open in 3 days now it takes 5 days. The phone rings off the hook; "*when are we going to get plowed out.*" **Stark County**

**Declared Emergency.** In a typical year we can do everything with County crews. With County crews, costs are high because of overtime and added fuel with heavier than normal snow but still somewhat manageable. When we reach the point that have to hire contractors like we've done this year to push banks back, it's all unbudgeted expense. Our only option for funding it is to cut other planned maintenance and construction. We've had to tap our emergency fund the past 2 years so it is near \$0. **Cass County**

The emergency fund was at \$90,000 in 2010 but because of a mold problem in the courthouse was reduced to \$30,000. Now there have been tax collections of approximately \$22,000. At this time it looks as if the emergency fund will not be sufficient. **Griggs County**

This year Ward County would have the equivalent of about 2 mills in the emergency fund, and would hopefully cover the cost of spring flooding. There is not enough funding to cover snow emergency, these funds come from the highway department, and normally when we extraordinary winters the extra funds come from the next year's construction and maintenance projects. Ward County has not hired contractors to push snow back, but has rented extra equipment, and all of guys have been working overtime, and some have worked every day in January. There are multiple townships that have contacted contractors to push back snow, but haven't due to the fact that they have already had to take out loans to cover the local cost of FEMA road repairs. **Ward County**

**Declared Emergency.** I will be asking commissioners on Tuesday to allow me to hire outside help. Most of our townships are in desperate need of pushing back but do not have the funds to hire contractors. I have already expended the entire overtime budget for the year as well as the entire snow removal budget. The situation we are in is equally as bad as 2009 and we are one snowstorm away from being overwhelmed. Our emergency fund is still depleted from 2009 and 2010. **Barnes County**

In 2009 we had \$3,698,719 in damages to county and township roads. If we have another event like the 2009 flood it would be very hard on everyone's budget. The cost share alone would be difficult to handle. If we do not get a FEMA declaration our emergency fund will not be able to handle the spring damages. **Walsh County**

**Declared Emergency.** The snow this year in Ramsey County is much worse than 2009. December and January billings for Township work are the highest ever. They average \$1,500.00 per month. Some Townships are more some are less. The emergency fund has been exhausted.  
**Ramsey County**

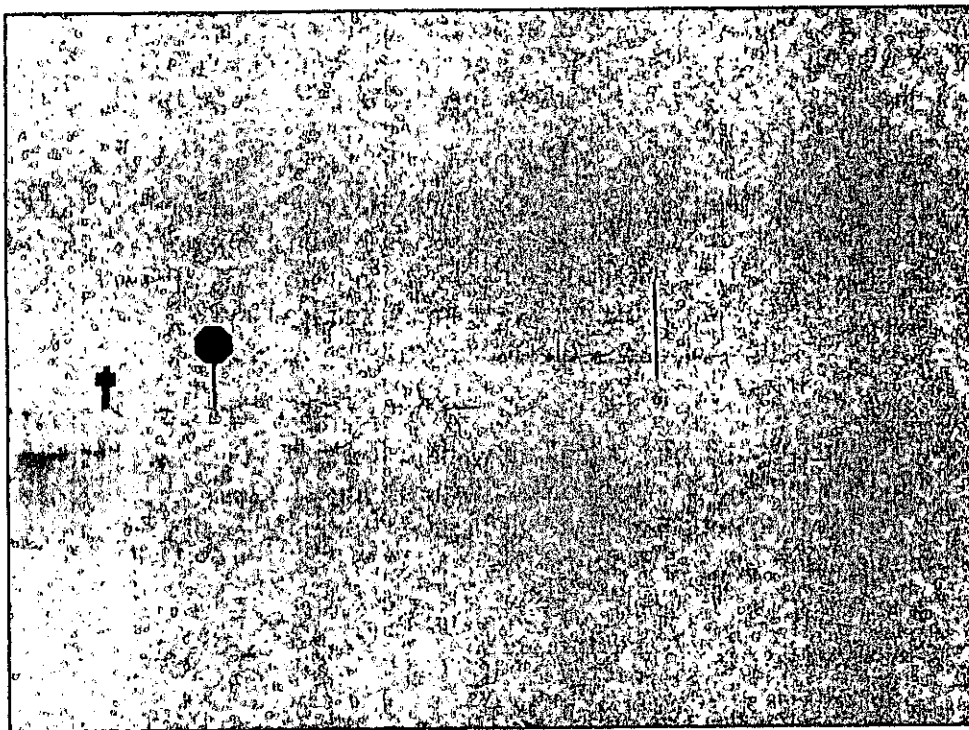
We are in the process of possibly declaring (an emergency), and have begun taking quotes from contractors for pushing back snow and are trying to coordinate the effort with all of our townships and fully expect to have contractors working in Feb and March. **Burleigh County**

We are rebuilding the emergency fund following the recent flood situations, so with current predictions, I don't think our emergency fund can handle the winter and spring situation. We have not contracted outside services, but have added temporary employees to operate equipment for clearing county and township roads. **Steele County**

**Declared Emergency.** Emergency fund is at about \$79,000 whether or not it is sufficient will depend on the flooding this spring. I don't think so. There are no contractors in the county willing to do push back of snow, so the TWP's rely on the County and we don't have enough equipment or manpower to help them all. **LaMoure County**

**Declared Emergency.** Repeated snow events have occurred in Dickey County causing an huge burden on our Townships, Cities and County roads departments due to the amount of snow and the constant wind which plugs roads as fast as you can open them. Townships have expended all of their snow removal money, and still have had to close all but the most essential roads due to lack of manpower and funding. The attempt to maintain access to these critical routes, and residential access has caused an inordinate amount of damage has to our Township, City and County road equipment and has also caused significant damage collateral infrastructure such as school busses; and the sheer removal cost of the snow has generated unexpected contractors fees, equipment leases and overtime further depleting budgets. **Dickey County**

**Declared Emergency.** Only \$73,000 in the emergency fund. **Pierce County**



## Analysis of SB2340 Distribution

|               | County    | City      | Township  |
|---------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| Adams         | 49,692    | 18,379    | 36,247    |
| Barnes        | 215,046   | 79,538    | 100,509   |
| Benson        | 84,081    | 31,098    | 78,912    |
| Billings      | 24,846    | 9,190     | 42,665    |
| Bottineau     | 151,296   | 55,959    | 132,437   |
| Bowman        | 75,941    | 28,088    | 35,750    |
| Burke         | 56,257    | 20,807    | 66,853    |
| Burleigh      | 997,033   | 646,498   | 68,616    |
| Cass          | 1,297,164 | 1,284,097 | 170,024   |
| Cavalier      | 104,875   | 38,789    | 109,518   |
| Dickey        | 108,328   | 40,067    | 65,654    |
| Divide        | 58,307    | 21,566    | 87,515    |
| Dunn          | 88,632    | 32,782    | 61,776    |
| Eddy          | 49,594    | 18,343    | 37,235    |
| Emmons        | 80,786    | 29,880    | 79,688    |
| Foster        | 71,792    | 26,553    | 40,549    |
| Golden Valley | 39,246    | 14,516    | 41,395    |
| Grand Forks   | 510,867   | 609,979   | 122,775   |
| Grant         | 62,078    | 22,960    | 127,130   |
| Griggs        | 55,903    | 20,677    | 38,574    |
| Hettinger     | 66,044    | 24,427    | 63,468    |
| Kidder        | 61,443    | 22,726    | 67,417    |
| Lamoure       | 109,317   | 40,432    | 80,393    |
| Logan         | 47,812    | 17,684    | 48,518    |
| McHenry       | 125,376   | 46,372    | 118,474   |
| McIntosh      | 62,176    | 22,996    | 55,217    |
| McKenzie      | 122,130   | 45,172    | 80,217    |
| McLean        | 203,734   | 75,354    | 122,705   |
| Mercer        | 170,956   | 63,230    | 29,548    |
| Morton        | 413,575   | 226,094   | 70,097    |
| Mountrail     | 156,251   | 57,791    | 91,182    |
| Nelson        | 69,351    | 25,650    | 50,492    |
| Oliver        | 45,860    | 16,962    | 32,228    |
| Pembina       | 159,643   | 59,046    | 111,633   |
| Pierce        | 89,841    | 33,229    | 73,200    |
| Ramsey        | 191,384   | 70,786    | 71,084    |
| Ransom        | 110,415   | 40,839    | 58,285    |
| Renville      | 61,505    | 22,748    | 62,833    |
| Richland      | 292,744   | 108,275   | 130,251   |
| Rolette       | 165,220   | 61,109    | 54,794    |
| Sargent       | 89,889    | 33,247    | 56,416    |
| Sheridan      | 38,526    | 14,249    | 59,448    |
| Sioux         | 33,193    | 12,277    | 22,143    |
| Slope         | 25,017    | 9,253     | 43,581    |
| Stark         | 386,000   | 207,899   | 72,988    |
| Steele        | 51,998    | 19,232    | 56,839    |
| Stutsman      | 299,187   | 190,030   | 126,019   |
| Towner        | 59,601    | 22,044    | 46,543    |
| Traill        | 145,524   | 53,824    | 85,752    |
| Walsh         | 220,416   | 81,524    | 113,643   |
| Ward          | 769,091   | 466,014   | 114,242   |
| Wells         | 103,020   | 38,103    | 99,363    |
| Williams      | 427,931   | 165,683   | 87,163    |
| Totals        | 9,555,935 | 5,444,065 | 4,000,000 |