

2025 HOUSE POLITICAL SUBDIVISIONS

HB 1397

2025 HOUSE STANDING COMMITTEE MINUTES

Political Subdivisions Committee Room JW327B, State Capitol

HB 1397
1/30/2025

A BILL for an Act to create and enact a new section to chapter 54-02 and a new section to chapter 54-54 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to the designation of the state waltz and state troubadour; and to provide for application.

8:58 a.m. Chairman Longmuir opened the hearing.

Members Present: Chairman Longmuir, Vice-Chairman Fegley, Vice-Chairman Jonas, Representatives Bolinske, Hager, Hatlestad, Heilman, Klemin, Motschenbacher, Ostlie, Toman, Warrey

Members Absent: Representative Davis

Discussion Topics:

- History of the Waltz
- Differences between a waltz and a dance

8:59 a.m. Representative Todd Porter, North Dakota Representative for District 34, introduced the bill.

9:04 a.m. Chuck Suchy, Mandan Resident and Musician, testified in favor.

9:10 a.m. Chairman Longmuir closed the hearing.

Wyatt Armstrong, Committee Clerk

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11:15 a.m. Chairman Longmuir opened the hearing.

Members Present: Chairman Longmuir, Vice-Chairman Fegley, Vice-Chairman Jonas, Representatives Bolinske, Hager, Hatlestad, Heilman, Klemin, Motschenbacher, Ostlie, Toman, Warrey

Members Absent: Representative Davis

Discussion Topics:

- Current North Dakota state dance
- Difference between waltz and dance

11:24 Representative Motschenbacher moved a Do Pass.

11:25 Representative Ostlie seconded the motion.

Representatives	Vote
Representative Donald W. Longmuir	Y
Representative Clayton Fegley	Y
Representative Jim Jonas	Y
Representative Macy Bolinske	Y
Representative Jayme Davis	A
Representative LaurieBeth Hager	Y
Representative Patrick R. Hatlestad	Y
Representative Matthew Heilman	Y
Representative Lawrence R. Klemin	Y
Representative Mike Motschenbacher	Y
Representative Mitch Ostlie	Y
Representative Nathan Toman	Y
Representative Jonathan Warrey	Y

11:25 a.m. Motion Passed 12-0-1

11:26 a.m. Unanimous decision to be placed on the Consent Calendar.

11:26 a.m. Representative Bolinske will carry the bill.

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11:27 a.m. Chairman Longmuir closed the hearing.

Wyatt Armstrong, Committee Clerk

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Political Subdivisions Committee (Rep. Longmuir, Chairman) recommends **DO PASS** and **BE PLACED ON THE CONSENT CALENDAR** (12 YEAS, 0 NAYS, 1 ABSENT AND NOT VOTING). HB 1397 was placed on the Tenth order on the calendar.

2025 SENATE AGRICULTURE AND VETERANS AFFAIRS

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2025 SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE MINUTES

Agriculture and Veterans Affairs Committee

Fort Union Room, State Capitol

HB 1397
2/20/2025

A bill relating to the designation of the state waltz and state troubadour; and to provide for application.

3:03 p.m. Chairman Luick called the meeting to order.

Discussion Topics:

- Playing of "Dancing Dakota"
- ND Council of Arts
- Chuck Sukey's legacy

3:04 p.m. Representative Todd Porter, District 34, testified in favor and introduced the bill.

3:14 p.m. Chairman Luick closed the hearing.

3:17 p.m. Senator Lemm moved a Do Pass.

3:17 p.m. Senator Weston seconded the motion.

Senators	Vote
Senator Larry Luick	Y
Senator Janne Myrdal	Y
Senator Randy D. Lemm	Y
Senator Richard Marcellais	Y
Senator Mark F. Weber	Y
Senator Kent Weston	Y

Motion passed 6-0-0.

Senator Lemm will carry the bill.

3:18 p.m. Chairman Luick closed the hearing.

Audrey Oswald, Committee Clerk

REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE
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Agriculture and Veterans Affairs Committee (Sen. Luick, Chairman) recommends **DO PASS** (6 YEAS, 0 NAYS, 0 ABSENT OR EXCUSED AND NOT VOTING). HB 1397 was placed on the Fourteenth order on the calendar. This bill does not affect workforce development.