

INTERIM SENATE APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE

Thursday, October 28, 2021 Roughrider Room, State Capitol Bismarck, North Dakota

Senator Ray Holmberg, Chairman, called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

Members present: Senators Ray Holmberg, Brad Bekkedahl, Kyle Davison, Dick Dever, Robert Erbele, Joan Heckaman, David Hogue, Karen K. Krebsbach, Tim Mathern, Dave Oehlke*, Nicole Poolman, David S. Rust, Ronald Sorvaag, Terry M. Wanzek

Members absent: None

Others present: Allen H. Knudson, Legislative Council, Bismarck

See Appendix A for additional persons present.

*Attended remotely

At the request of Chairman Holmberg, Mr. Brady Larson, Assistant Legislative Budget Analyst and Auditor, Legislative Council, explained proposed changes to a bill draft for Bill Draft A [21.1108.02000]. Relating to an appropriation to the Department of Transportation, to provide funding for rural broadband, and to provide an additional \$3.3 million for the Coronavirus Capitol Projects Fund for career and technical education (CTE) providing a total of \$83.3 million for CTE.

It was moved by Senator Mathern, seconded by Senator Krebsbach, and carried on a voice vote that Bill Draft A [21.1108.02000] be amended to include an appropriation to the Department of Transportation, to provide funding for rural broadband; and to provide an additional \$3.3 million from the Cornavirus Capital Projects Fund for CTE providing a total of \$83.3 million for CTE.

It was moved by Senator Bekkedahl, seconded by Senator Krebsbach, and carried on a roll call vote that the Bill Draft A as amended be included in the committee report and recommended to the Legislative Management. Senators Holmberg, Bekkedahl, Davison, Dever, Erbele, Heckaman, Hogue, Krebsbach, Mathern, Poolman, Rust, Sorvaag, and Wanzek voted "aye." No negative votes were cast.

Chairman Holmberg discussed the committee's proposal (<u>Appendix B</u>) to include in a bill draft for Bill Draft C to be forwarded to the Legislative Management for consideration. He proposed changes to various items on the list to include in the proposed bill.

It was moved by Senator Rust, seconded by Senator Krebsbach, and carried on a voice vote that Bill Draft C (Appendix B) be amended to remove funding for the Area 4 Soil Conservation Research Farm, for nursing program renovation and equipment at Minot State University, and funding for the medical facility infrastructure revolving loan fund; and to add funding for hyperbaric oxygen therapy.

It was moved by Senator Wanzek, seconded by Senator Krebsbach, and carried on a roll call vote that Bill Draft C as amended be included in the committee report and recommended to Legislative Management for consideration. Senators Holmberg, Bekkedahl, Davison, Dever, Erbele, Heckaman, Hogue, Krebsbach, Oehlke, Mathern, Poolman, Rust, Sorvaag, and Wanzek voted "aye." No negative votes were cast.

It was moved by Senator Krebsbach, seconded by Senator Sorvaag, and carried on a voice vote that the Chairman and the Legislative Council staff be requested to prepare a report and the bill drafts recommended by the committee and to present the report and recommended bill drafts to the Legislative Management.

It was moved by Senator Wanzek, seconded by Senator Krebsbach, and carried on a voice vote that the committee be adjourned sine die.

No further business appearing, Chairman Holmberg adjourned the committee sine die at 10:23 a.m.

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