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STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA

Administrative Committee On Veterans Affairs

The full Administrative Committee on Veterans Affairs met in Jamestown, North Dakota, on March 16, 1986, 3:00 p.m., at the Gladstone Inn.

All members were present. Ex officio members present were-- Frank Gathman, Bert Sorenson, Dr. Bina, Denis Mock.

Minutes of previous meeting approved as mailed out. Special announcements: Passing of Gerald Taylor, a former member of the Coordinating Council; Social hour at the Charles Gilje residence; Duties and Responsibilities of the Administrative Committee as spelled out by State Statute in the "Blue Book", new addition passed out.

Bryan Jackson, of Jackson Associates, spoke on "Charitable Fund Raising for an Endowment Foundation" covered under 501-C3, Tax Deductible Donations.

Mr. Jackson spoke to a feasibility study--"Hiring of a Fund Raiser". The cost of an initial survey would be about \$6,000 plus \$2,000 expenses.

The Committee then broke into their respective Sub-Committees.

The full Committee reconvened at 5:45 p.m.

Called to order by Chairman Wagner. Frank Gathman asked why the ex-officio members were asked to leave the meeting--discussion followed.

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Curtis Twete brought up that the full Committee had not acted on the Commissioner's salary raise after the probation period. Discussion followed.

Motion was made by Curtis Twete that the salary be set at \$30,000 per year for the remainder of the biennium, Paul Aaberg seconded. Discussion followed. Upon call of the question--5 in favor, 8 opposed. Motion defeated.

Motion by Michael Dobmeier, seconded by Charles Godke, that the salary be set at \$28,000 for now with future adjustments during the biennium. Discussion followed. Vote--12 in favor, 2 opposed. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned for the evening.

Full Committee reconvened at 9:30 a.m. after Sub-Committees had met. Called to order by Chairman Bernard Wagner.

Gordon LaMont reported on Veterans Home activity. Audit Report not reviewed by Committee as yet. Asbestos removal around the Home being worked on. Community Fair scheduled for Saturday, August 2, 1986. Committee has decided to forego any major improvements for the present. Some kitchen equipment to be replaced. \$7,500 to be spent for feasibility study for Foundation Fund. Motion to accept report by Orville Gullickson, seconded by Terry Richardson, motion carried.

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Report on Department of Veterans Affairs. Curtis Twete related the findings of the Study Committee regarding the move of the Commissioners Office to Bismarck. Curt moved the findings of the Committee be handed to the Coordinating Council without recommendation but only as the result of the study. Orville Gullickson seconded, motion carried.

Curtis Twete explained the action taken in regard to the request to remain exempt from the Legislative Rules Committee for the Department of Veterans Affairs for the present time. He further recommended a study be made of the pros and cons by Charles Gilje, Bernard Wagner, and Milton Kane. Curt moved the acceptance of this suggestion, James Swenson seconded. Vote--all in favor, motion carried.

Curtis Twete spoke to budget recommendations for 1987-89 Biennium for the Department of Veterans Affairs and budget matters for the remaining biennium based on the previous actions of the full Committee. His recommendation dealt with a suggested guideline for the Commissioner's salary be \$70,000 for the 1987-89 Biennium and that the Commissioner's salary be set on a base of \$28,000 from January 1, 1986, to July 1, 1986, increased by four percent (4%) July first, with increases allowed during the biennium based on performance and money available. Paul Aaberg seconded, discussion. James Swenson voiced opposition to this figure, he felt it only reflected 5 1/2% increase for the 1987-89 biennium and felt it

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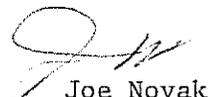
should be at least 8%. Others agreed, but no amendment to the motion was offered. Vote on original motion, all in favor, motion carried.

Curtis Twete spoke to the problems the Department was having with the Tuition Waiver Rules being ambiguous. Curt moved the Committee bring this to the Coordinating Council for possible Legislation action. Gordon LaMont seconded, motion carried.

Motion made by James Swenson, seconded by Charles Godke to accept the report. Motion carried.

The full Committee reconvened in the lower level of the VFW at 1:00 p.m. to hear a detailed presentation of the proposed San Haven Extension of the Veterans Home. An outstanding presentation was made by James Welder and Wayne Terry. (Fact Booklet passed out.) Much discussion followed. Curtis Twete made a motion that the Fact Finding Committee proceed to explore all avenues of funding the operation of the San Haven Project but objected to the use of the Post War Trust Fund. The Fund would be seriously depleted and therefore affect future funding of the Department of Veterans Affairs and the Veterans Home. This fund should not be used for this purpose. James Swenson seconded, discussion followed. Vote, all in favor, motion carried.

Chairman Bernard Wagner adjourned the meeting. Those wishing to attend the Coordinating Council meeting were urged to do so.


Joe Novak
Secretary