

MINUTES OF THE JANUARY 6, 1993, MEETING OF THE  
NORTH DAKOTA ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE  
ON VETERANS AFFAIRS

LOCATION--LEGION CLUB, BISMARCK, NORTH DAKOTA  
CONVENED AT 1:10 PM.

Chairman Wagner called meeting to order at 1:10 pm. Chairman Wagner opened meeting with Pledge of Allegiance and silent prayer for POW/MIA.

Roll Call Held:

ABSENT: James Ziegler  
Al Huber  
Gerald Balzer  
Charles Godke

PRESENT: All other members present  
Milton W. Kane, Commissioner  
Frank Gathman, Commandant  
Ken Anderson, Assistant Commandant  
Gene Kouba, Training Liaison, Veterans Affairs

Chairman Wagner introduced Earl Redlin, President of Veterans Coordinating Council. Earl Redlin introduced the legislative representatives for Coordinating Council. Eldon Georgeson, AMVETS; Hank Olson, VFW; Walt Dockter, VFW; Joe Smith and Howard Wolfe, American Legion; and Rick Riem, DAV.

Minutes of Administrative meeting held November 12 & 13, 1992, were read and approved.

Discussion on Senate Bill 2009. Chairman Wagner announced hearing on 2009 would be at 10:30 am January 7, 1993. Frank Gathman explained Veterans Home Budget as recommended by OMB on Senate Bill 2009. Milt Kane explained Veterans Affairs budget as recommended by OMB on Senate Bill 2009.

After considerable discussion meeting recessed at 3:00 pm so Subcommittees could meet.

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Reconvened at 3:20 pm.

Mike Vandrovec reported that Veterans Home subcommittee supported SB 2009.

Adrian Crowfeather reported that his subcommittee on Veterans Affairs approved bill with deletion of lines 17-18-19 and this appropriation to come from general fund, with an amendment that \$173,000 be added for special programs. These programs are: Transportation for Veterans, \$50,000; Grant Program needy veterans, \$100,000; Legal fees defending Veterans Preference, \$20,000; and to meet ADA requirements for the Bismarck Office, \$3,000. These funds to come from interest earned on Veterans Post War Trust Fund.

Moved by Crowfeather to support Senate Bill 2009, with the exception of lines 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, and 19, as to funding from interest from Post War Trust Fund and that appropriation be from General Fund, and that an amendment be introduced to fund special programs in amount of \$173,000 from interest earned on Post War Trust Fund. Seconded by Robert Bohn. Carried unanimously.

Gene Kouba reported on legislation pertaining to Veterans. House Bill 1090, Veterans Preference; Senate Bill 2119, Updating Blue Book; and Justifiable Cause House Bill 1108. Gene also commented on the Veterans Preference case to come before Supreme Court at 10:00 am January 7, 1993.

Gene would be sending copies of Bills dealing with Veterans issues to each member of Administrative Committee.

Mullen moved that Frank Gathman develop a position paper supporting a Veterans 60 (sixty) skilled beds facility to be located in Western North Dakota. Suzanne Kime seconded. Carried.

Committee to meet at Harvest Room in Capitol at 10:30 am for hearing on SB 2009.

Next meeting at the call of the Chairman.

Meeting adjourned at 4:40 pm.

Submitted by  
Paul S. Aaberg, Secretary

via  
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