

SENATE RESOLUTIONS

SENATE RESOLUTION No. 1

(Longmire, Becker, Reichert, Luick, Thompson)
(From LRC Study)

SENATE LEGISLATIVE EQUIPMENT

A resolution authorizing and directing the department of accounts and purchases to furnish office and secretarial equipment for use of the senate.

WHEREAS, the cost of conducting the legislative assembly has been increasing over the years even though efforts have been made to keep such cost at a minimum; and

WHEREAS, the rental of office and administrative equipment is a basic item in the cost of conducting the legislative assembly that has continually increased; and

WHEREAS, it appears that the purchase of most office equipment through the department of accounts and purchases for the use of the senate and house of representatives to be re-sold to other state departments at the termination of the legislative assembly will result in a savings to the legislative assembly of \$2,605.84, when compared to rental costs during the last legislative session, and a substantial additional saving to departments purchasing such legislative equipment at a discount following the session;

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved by the Senate of the State of North Dakota:

That the department of accounts and purchases is authorized and directed to furnish all office and administrative equipment, except such equipment as may be desired for specialized purposes, at a charge to the senate of ten percent of the cost of such equipment and that such equipment be re-sold at the termination of the legislative assembly to other state departments at a ten percent discount.

Filed January 22, 1965.

SENATE RESOLUTION No. 2

(Redlin, Becker, Kisse)

AGRICULTURAL PROBLEMS AND RESEARCH

A resolution urging consideration and study of the problems facing the farmers of North Dakota and the United States.

WHEREAS, agriculture is the basic industry of the state of North Dakota and recognized as the most important segment of its economy; and

WHEREAS, the members of the senate of the Thirty-ninth Legislative Assembly of the state of North Dakota are deeply concerned with the plight of agriculture in our state as it affects the farmers and general public, and note with alarm the increasing rate of farm mortgages and mortgage foreclosures, and regretfully admit that the various farm programs put into effect in the United States have, as yet, failed to provide a solution, or approach the farmer's hopes and dreams of farm prosperity based upon promises of parity of income; and

WHEREAS, the seriousness of the farm situation has become so very apparent to the general public in recent months because of the unrest and violence which took place in the Midwest and which resulted from the unstable conditions of the farm economy, and which may be only a small preview of future actions if the chronic conditions of the farm economy are further ignored; and

WHEREAS, agriculture is basic and necessary to a sound state and national economy and deserves the attention and unanimous support of the members of the senate of the Thirty-ninth Legislative Assembly of the state of North Dakota, and it is recognized that in this highly technical and mechanized age the individual farmer finds himself in a minority group by virtue of his willingness and determination to produce according to his dictates and personal initiative; and

WHEREAS, the farmer of today is the assurance of freedom from want tomorrow;

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved by the Senate of the State of North Dakota:

That our national government be reminded of its responsibility for providing reasonable economic stability for farm products comparable to the cost the farmer must pay for goods and services he is compelled to purchase; and

Be It Further Resolved, that the national and state levels of government direct their attention and research facilities toward programs concerning wheat, feed grain, loan rates, the placing on the market of government owned wheat so as not to endanger the market price of wheat, the importation of beef, wheat, barley, and sugar, and the production of sugar so as to give the American sugar producer the opportunity to make use of his available resources and facilities; and

Be It Further Resolved, that any available monetary resources on the state and national levels of government be utilized to the maximum extent for agricultural research, to the end that improved crop varieties and new uses for crops will be developed and the inadequacies of the farm economy will be improved; and

Be It Further Resolved, that the secretary of state be directed to forward copies of this resolution to the President of the United States, Secretary of State, Secretary of Agriculture, chairmen of the United States Senate and House Committees on Agriculture, the chairmen and leadership of both political parties, and each member of the North Dakota congressional delegation.

Filed February 16, 1965.

SENATE RESOLUTION No. 3

(Lashkowitz, Sinner, Kautzmann, Kisse, Ringsak)

VETERANS' ADMINISTRATION OFFICE

A resolution expressing the objections of the North Dakota senate to the proposed closing of the Fargo office of the United States Veterans' Administration.

WHEREAS, the United States Veterans' Administration has recently announced plans for the discontinuance of the Fargo office of the Veterans' Administration; and

WHEREAS, according to reliable estimates, the peak load in the field of veterans' affairs will not be reached until the 1970's; and

WHEREAS, the Fargo office is currently the only office processing claims and serving the needs of veterans and survivors of deceased veterans in the entire state of North Dakota plus a large portion of western Minnesota; and

WHEREAS, the proposed closing would work a hardship on veterans, particularly the disabled, because of the greater

travel distance thus necessitated, and would impair or destroy the personal relationships so necessary to understanding and processing veterans' claims; and

WHEREAS, in addition to the many veterans involved, some sixty employees of the Veterans' Administration now face the possibility of transfer with the resultant hardship and decline in morale, and the community faces a detrimental blow to its economy; and

WHEREAS, United States Senator Quentin Burdick has contacted the office of Congressman Olin Teague, Chairman of the United States House Veterans' Affairs Committee, with a request for public hearings on the closing, and United States Senator Milton Young has expressed his willingness to assist and cooperate in this matter in any way possible;

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved by the Senate of the State of North Dakota:

That the senate of the state of North Dakota hereby expresses its opposition to the proposed closing for the reasons cited in this resolution, and also expresses its appreciation to Senators Burdick and Young for their action in this matter and its support to the proposed public hearings;

Be It Further Resolved, that the senate of the state of North Dakota hereby calls upon interested citizens and groups within the state and western Minnesota to support the move to retain this valuable public service.

Filed January 16, 1965.

SENATE RESOLUTION No. 4

(Holand, Longmire)

DEPARTMENT OF ACCOUNTS AND PURCHASES REVIEW

A resolution relating to a review of the progress and operational policies of the department of accounts and purchases.

WHEREAS, the department of accounts and purchases has been in operation for three years since its establishment by the Thirty-seventh Legislative Assembly; and

WHEREAS, it was recognized by the legislative assembly in establishing such department that all of the duties of the department provided by law were not subject to immediate implementation and that it would be necessary to gradually assume its functions and gradually establish policies of opera-

tion in regard to recordkeeping, fiscal affairs, purchasing, and other fields of responsibility; and

WHEREAS, it is proper for the legislative assembly to periodically review the progress and operations of agencies of the executive branch of government in order that its members may be fully informed of the operations and policies of the executive branch departments; and

WHEREAS, it is the desire of members of the senate to review with representatives of the department of accounts and purchases the progress that the department has made in fulfilling the duties assigned to it and operational policies it has developed;

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved by the Senate of the State of North Dakota:

That the Senate Committee on State and Federal Government is hereby directed to conduct a review and inquiry in regard to the progress and operational policies of the department of accounts and purchases, with the cooperation of the director and other representatives of such department.

Filed January 22, 1965.

SENATE RESOLUTION No. 5

(Morgan, Kautzmann, Witteman, Berube)

OFFICIAL PHOTOGRAPHER

A senate resolution to appoint an official photographer for the senate of the Thirty-ninth Legislative Assembly of the state of North Dakota.

Be It Resolved by the Senate of the State of North Dakota:

WHEREAS, for historical purposes it has been the custom of all North Dakota legislative assemblies to have composite group pictures made of all members of such assemblies; and

WHEREAS, Rikki's Studio of Bismarck, North Dakota offers to make a composite group picture of the members of the 1965 North Dakota Senate size 30 x 40 inches, said picture to be framed and ready to hang, and fifty-five fourteen by eleven copies of said picture for each member and desk force of the senate, and one five by seven inch print of each senator and the lieutenant governor for the state historical society, at a cost of four hundred and fifty dollars;

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved, that Rikki's Studio, Bismarck, North Dakota, be, and is hereby appointed official

photographer for the North Dakota Senate of the Thirty-ninth Legislative Assembly;

Be It Further Resolved, that Rikki's Studio of Bismarck, North Dakota, be and is hereby awarded the sole privilege of photographing members of the senate of the Thirty-ninth Legislative Assembly, at a cost price of four hundred and fifty dollars to be taken out of legislative expenses.

Filed January 28, 1965.

SENATE RESOLUTION No. 6
(Committee on Delayed Bills)

RADIO AND TELEVISION COVERAGE

A senate resolution expressing appreciation to the management and employees of radio stations KFYR and KBOM and to KFYR-TV for their fine coverage of committee hearings and floor debate in the senate upon important tax matters.

WHEREAS, the legislative assembly in its current session is faced with important problems in meeting the state's financial needs; and

WHEREAS, the public is vitally concerned with possible steps which may be taken to solve such problems; and

WHEREAS, broadcasts of committee hearings and floor debate on important problems facing the legislative assembly can go far toward keeping the public informed; and

WHEREAS, radio stations KFYR and KBOM and KFYR-TV have recently carried live broadcasts of committee hearings and floor debate upon matters of key importance;

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved by the Senate of the State of North Dakota:

That the senate of the state of North Dakota hereby goes on record as expressing appreciation to the management and employees of radio stations KFYR and KBOM and to KFYR-TV for the valuable public service they have provided to the citizens of the state in carrying live broadcasts of recent committee hearings and floor debate upon important tax matters.

Filed March 9, 1965.