

# 2005 Legislative Review

*A Look At Higher Education In Week 8: Feb. 21 – 25, 2005*



## After Crossover

A bill passed by the Senate without amendments to the House version goes directly to the governor for approval or veto.

Bills amended and passed by the Senate must be returned to the House for another vote.

If the House does not concur, a conference committee is appointed.

Bills acted upon by the House follow the same process.

## SB 2003: House Appropriations Hears NDUS Budget Overview

Laura Glatt, NDUS vice chancellor, presented an overview of engrossed SB2003, the NDUS budget bill, to the full House Appropriations Committee Feb. 23.

Structured differently than Senate Appropriations, all remaining SB 2003 testimony for House Appropriations will be made to its education subcommittee, which includes Reps. Bob Martinson (chair), Tom Brusegaard, Earl Rennerfeldt, Frank Wald, Ole Aarsvold and Pam Gulleon.

Campuses and related entities and the NDUS Office will provide testimony to the subcommittee in a series of hearings Monday, Feb. 28, through Wed., March 2, as shown at right.

### Monday, Feb. 28

8:00 a.m. – BSC  
 8:30 a.m. – NDSCS  
 9:00 a.m. – LRSC  
 10:00 a.m. – WSC  
 10:30 a.m. – MiSU-BC  
 11:00 a.m. – MiSU  
 2:30 p.m. – DSU  
 3:00 p.m. – MaSU

### Tuesday, March 1

8:00 a.m. – NDSU  
 8:45 a.m. – Forest Service  
 9:45 a.m. – UND  
 10:30 a.m. – UND SOMHS  
 3:30 p.m. – NDSU Ag Research, Extension and other related entities

### Wednesday, March 2

8:00 a.m. – VCSU  
 8:30 a.m. – NDUS Office  
 9:00 a.m. – System Wrap-up

### SB 2020: House Appropriations Hears NDSU Ag Budget Bill

Laura Glatt, NDUS vice chancellor, presented an overview of engrossed SB 2020, the budget for the NDSU Agriculture Research Stations, Extension Service, Northern Crops Institute, Upper Great Plains Transportation Institute and the Agronomy Seed Farm to the full House Appropriations Committee Feb. 23. The NDUS Ag hearing has been scheduled for March 1 before the House Appropriations education subcommittee.

### SB 2058: House GVA Hears Mileage Reimbursement Bill

SB 2058, a bill to increase state employee mileage reimbursement, was heard in House Government and Veterans Affairs Feb. 24. Laura Glatt, NDUS vice chancellor, testified in support of SB 2058. No opposition was voiced.

### SB 2036: House Appropriations Hears "Flexibility with Accountability" Bill

SB 2036, one of three bills that extend the "flexibility with accountability" legislation, was heard in House Appropriations Feb. 25. SB 2036 permits carryover of unexpended funds from one biennium to the next. Chancellor Robert Potts testified in support of the bill, which was introduced by the Interim Higher Education Committee.

SB 2034 and SB 2035, the two additional "flexibility with accountability" bills, received unanimous "do pass" recommendations from House Education and were passed by the Senate Feb. 23 on a vote of 87-3 on SB 2034 and 82-9 on SB 2035.

## **HB 1024: Senate Appropriations Considers *ConnectND* Deficiency Appropriation**

HB 1024, the deficiency appropriations bill, was heard in Senate Appropriations Feb. 23. HB 1024 includes \$617,520 to cover additional *ConnectND* implementation costs. Dr. Lee Vickers, DSU president and *ConnectND* executive steering committee chair, told committee members the additional funding is needed to cover costs related to training and extended post-production support. No action was taken by the committee.

## **HB 1397: Senate Appropriations Hears Veterinary Medicine Bill**

The hearing on engrossed HB 1397, the bill to permit the SBHE to contract with Kansas State University for veterinary medicine slots, began Feb. 23 in Senate Appropriations. The bill sponsors, Sen. Flakoll and Reps. Iverson and Thoreson, provided testimony in support of the bill. The hearing will be continued at a later date when representatives from KSU are available to appear before the committee.

## **HB 1129: Foreign Travel Meal Allowance Bill Heard by Senate Political Subdivisions**

HB 1129, a bill that changes the provisions for foreign travel meal allowances for state employees, was heard in Senate Political Subdivisions Feb. 25. Laura Glatt, NDUS vice chancellor, provided testimony in support of the bill, which was introduced on behalf of the SBHE. The committee unanimously recommended “do pass.” The full Senate is likely to act on the bill next week.

## ***On the Week Nine Agenda***

- SB 2067 Mon., Feb. 28, 9 a.m., H-JUD:** Prohibits a person from entering a liquor establishment on his or her 21st birthday until 8 a.m.
- SB 2018 Tues., March 1, 9 a.m., H-APPSPD:** Provides funding for Centers of Excellence
- SB 2064 Tues., March 1, 9 a.m., H-EDU:** Eliminates class ranking as a criteria for eligibility for the North Dakota Scholars Program
- SB 2037 Thurs., March 3, 8 a.m., H-GVA:** Grants SBHE authority over NDUS technology planning and oversight
- HB 1341 Thurs., March 3, 9 a.m., S-GVA:** Requires bid proposals to be sent to all qualified in-state vendors
- SB 2019 Thurs., March 3, 10:30 a.m., H-APPEDU:** Provides funding for workforce training
- SB 2195 Thurs., March 3, 3:15 p.m., H-GVA:** Increases reimbursement for meals and lodging
- HB 1397 Thurs., March 3, 3:30 p.m., S-APPR:** Provides funding for 10 veterinary medicine slots at Kansas State University
- SCR4013 Fri., March 4, 8 a.m., H-GVA:** Expresses support for the Red River Valley Research Corridor