

2023 SENATE TRANSPORTATION

SB 2146

2023 SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE MINUTES

Transportation Committee
Fort Totten Room, State Capitol

SB 2146
1/27/2023

Relating to designating state highway 91 as North Dakota's shortest highway; and to provide a continuing appropriation.

10:14 AM Chairman Clemens opens hearing.

Senators Present: **Clemens, Conley, Larsen, Rummel, Paulson.**

Discussion Topics:

- Sign Design

10:14 AM Senator Jerry Klein introduced bill.

10:18 AM Mike Waldoch, in favor. #17420

10:25 AM Spencer Marchand – Director of Harvey ND School board, verbally in favor.

10:27 AM Wade Swenson – Operations Director of NDDOT, verbally neutral.

10:28 AM Chairman Clemens adjourns hearing.

10:29 AM Senator Larsen motioned a Do Pass.

10:30 AM Senator Conley seconded.

Senators	Vote
Senator David A. Clemens	Y
Senator Cole Conley	Y
Senator Doug Larsen	Y
Senator Bob Paulson	Y
Senator Dean Rummel	Y

Motion passed 5-0-0

10:30 AM Senator Conley will carry.

10:31 AM Chairman Clemens adjourns hearing.

Nathan Liesen, Committee Clerk

REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE

SB 2146: Transportation Committee (Sen. Clemens, Chairman) recommends **DO PASS** (5 YEAS, 0 NAYS, 0 ABSENT AND NOT VOTING). SB 2146 was placed on the Eleventh order on the calendar. This bill affects workforce development.

2023 HOUSE POLITICAL SUBDIVISIONS

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2023 HOUSE STANDING COMMITTEE MINUTES

Political Subdivisions Committee Room JW327B, State Capitol

SB 2146
3/3/2023

Relating to designating state highway 91 as North Dakota's shortest highway; and to provide a continuing appropriation.

9:00 AM Chairman Longmuir opened the hearing. Members present: Chairman Longmuir, Vice Chairman Fegley, Rep. Heilman, Rep. Holle, Rep. Jonas, Rep. Klemin, Rep. Motschenbacher, Rep. Rios, Rep. Toman, Rep. Warrey and Rep. Hager. Absent: Rep. Davis, Rep. Hatlestad and Rep. Ostlie

Discussion Topics:

- Shortest highway designation.
- Signage along highway 91
- .2842 miles long highway

Senator Klein: Introduced the bill. Oral testimony.

Rep. Weisz: Oral testimony.

Spencer Marshard: Harvey Economic Development Director Oral testimony.

Wayde Swenson: Operations Director NDDOT: Oral testimony.

Hearing closed at 9:12 AM.

Rep. Heilman moved a Do Pass;

Seconded by Rep. Motschenbacher

Representatives	Vote
Representative Donald W. Longmuir	Y
Representative Clayton Fegley	Y
Representative Jayme Davis	A
Representative LaurieBeth Hager	Y
Representative Patrick Hatlestad	A
Representative Matt Heilman	Y
Representative Dawson Holle	Y
Representative Jim Jonas	Y
Representative Lawrence R. Klemin	Y
Representative Mike Motschenbacher	Y
Representative Mitch Ostlie	A
Representative Nico Rios	Y
Representative Nathan Toman	Y
Representative Jonathan Warrey	Y

Roll call vote: 11 Yes 0 No 3 Absent Motion carried

Carrier: Rep. Hager

Meeting closed at 9:13 AM

Delores Shimek, Committee Clerk

REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE

SB 2146: Political Subdivisions Committee (Rep. Longmuir, Chairman) recommends **DO PASS** (11 YEAS, 0 NAYS, 3 ABSENT AND NOT VOTING). SB 2146 was placed on the Fourteenth order on the calendar.

TESTIMONY

SB 2146

Highway 91 Promotion

The reason for the promotion:

When the street/or by pass was named a Highway, Highway 91, I drove it and was thinking MAN this has got to be the shortest highway in the nation. After researching I discovered **that it** isn't the shortest highway, there is a highway out east, I believe in West Virginia that is shorter. I checked with the NDDOT website that gives the lengths of the highway and by God, Highway 91 in Harvey, according to that, is the shortest highway in ND. I contacted the NDDOT out of Minot to see for sure, if it is the shortest highway in ND. The gentlemen I talked to thought it was, he gave me the updated length, because the DOT just repaved 91, and so it turn out to show shorter then it was on the website at .284 miles. So I thought this could be a mini bucket list or hopefully a mini tourist attraction for someone traveling through ND, to drive to Harvey, ND, to take in a short, but Sweet Adventure. The city of Harvey's governmental representatives are all on board with this idea.

So with that, hopefully it can be officially designated as the shortest highway in North Dakota!

THANK YOU!

Sincerely yours,

Mike W. Waldoch