

Committee work begins in earnest; bills introduced in bunches

The 68th Legislative Assembly picks up the pace of activity as week two comes to a close. More than 650 bills have been formally introduced with another 300 or more potentially await introduction. The Floor Sessions are also starting to fill up the afternoons as bills acted upon by Committees reach the next step in the process.

You can view any Committee hearing or Floor Session via the Legislative website video link here: <https://video.ndlegis.gov/>

NDTOA Presents to Joint Committees



NDTOA Executive Secretary Larry Syverson presented information to a joint meeting of the Senate State & Local Government and the House Political Subdivision Committees on Friday Jan 13. Larry gave the

lawmakers an overview of township history and outlined how townships operate, and outlined our main priorities for this Legislative Session. Board President Lee Brandvold, Treasurer Barb Knutson, Vice President Todd Weber and District 6 Director Tim Geinert came to the Capitol and met with various legislators on township issues.

Committee leaders felt with so many new legislators this session, it was important to provide as much background information as possible for issues coming before their respective committees. The League of Cities and the ND Association of Counties also presented information to the legislators.

NDTOA Bill Tracking Update

HB 1012	NDDOT Budget	Monitor/Support
HB 1098	Floodplain Mgmt	Monitor
HB 1147	Establish county & township bridge fund	Support
HB 1236	Township officers	Support
SB 2113	DOT Flexible Transp. Fund	Support; Passes Senate 46-0
SB 2178	Township special road fund	Support
SB 2183	Emergency snow removal grants	Support

HB 1236 was introduced at the request of the NDTOA. It increases the allowable pay for township officers to \$100 per day, and \$4,000 per year. It also permits townships to hold their annual meeting on ANY day in March. **The public hearing will be held Jan 19 @ 9:00am.** [Submit testimony](#) or watch the hearing:

SB 2178 increases the allowable township special road fund amount to \$500,000, up from \$100,000. **The public hearing will be Jan 17 @ 10:45am.** [Watch the hearing](#) or [submit testimony](#) on the bill

SB 2183 is a \$30 million appropriation for emergency snow removal grants to political subdivisions. This bill is likely to be “fast tracked” to attempt to get the funding to those political subs that have already exceeded their snow removal budgets. **The public hearing will be Jan 18 @ 9:30am.**

There are about 30 bills in total that are being tracked (so far), monitored and lobbied on behalf of the NDTOA township members. If you would like more information or have a question about any legislative issue, contact Larry Syverson. Email: larry.ndtoa@gmail.com

Make plans to attend the NDTOA Annual Meeting Jan 23-24! At the Baymont Inn, Mandan

