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HOUSE BILL ***86-A***

AN ACT making an appropriation for renovation of the Sawyer House at the Daniel Webster Birthplace in the city of Franklin.

SPONSORS: Rep. Whittemore, Merr 13; Rep. Asplund, Merr 13

COMMITTEE: Public Works and Highways

AMENDED ANALYSIS

This bill makes an appropriation to the department of resources and economic development for renovation of the Sawyer House as a year-round residence. The Sawyer House is located at the Daniel Webster Birthplace in the city of Franklin.

Explanation: Matter added to current law appears in ***bold italics.***
Matter removed from current law appears [~~in brackets and struckthrough.~~]
Matter which is either (a) all new or (b) repealed and reenacted appears in regular type.

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STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

In the Year of Our Lord One Thousand Nine Hundred and Ninety-Nine

AN ACT making an appropriation for renovation of the Sawyer House at the Daniel Webster Birthplace in the city of Franklin.

Be it Enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court convened:

1 Appropriation; Department of Resources and Economic Development; Renovation of Sawyer House.

I. The sum of $105,180 is appropriated to the department of resources and economic development for the biennium ending June 30, 2001, for the purpose of renovating the Sawyer House for year-round use. The Sawyer House is located at the Daniel Webster Birthplace in the city of Franklin.

II. The sum appropriated to the department of resources and economic development in paragraph I shall be nonlapsing. The division of parks is authorized to match from the state park fund no more than $52,590 donated by private sources as the source of funding for the sum appropriated.

2 Effective Date. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

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HB 86 FISCAL NOTE

AN ACT making an appropriation for renovation of the Sawyer House at the Daniel Webster Birthplace in the city of Franklin.

FISCAL IMPACT:

The Department of Resources and Economic Development indicates this bill, as amended by the House, will increase state revenue by $30,180 and state expenditures by $105,180 in FY 2000. There is no fiscal impact on county and local revenue or expenditures.

This bill appropriates $105,180 to the Department of Resources and Economic Development for the biennium ending June 30, 2001 for the purposes of this act.

METHODOLOGY:

The Department states that the Department would make the renovations to the Sawyer House within the $105,180 appropriation limit specified in this bill. The appropriation will be from two sources; $30,180 from public and private donations, and $75,000 from the Conservation Plate Trust Fund.

Committee Minutes

Date: March 7, 2000
Time: 3:20 PM
Room: 105-SH

The Senate Committee on Energy Economic Development held a hearing on the following:

HB 86-A (New Title) making an appropriation for renovation of the Sawyer House at the Daniel Webster Birthplace in the city of Franklin.

Members of Committee present:
Senator F. King
Senator Cohen
Senator Disnard
Senator Hollingworth
Senator Johnson
Senator Fraser

The Chair, Senator Frederick W. King, Sr., opened the hearing.

Senator Frederick W. King, D. 1: I'm going to open the hearing on House Bill 86-A, making an appropriation for renovation of the Sawyer House at the Daniel Webster Birthplace in the city of Franklin. I'm going to call upon the Prime Sponsor, Representative Whittemore.

Representative Whittemore: Thank you Mr. Chairman, members of the committee. For the record, Representative James Whittemore, Franklin, Merrimack County, District 13, Sponsor of the bill.

Originally when I had the bill written I had it that the state would fund the cost of the renovations of the Sawyer House, which is the two story and a half house with your motion. And with that being done, than that could be used by DRED as the residence for the couple who'd be custodians. And we'd keep it open.

At the present time the birthplace, which is the other snapshot that you have with it, is not open, very seldom.

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Doing this, keeping it open year round and also we're lucky that its been protected and nothing happened to it because its way up by itself and there's nobody else around. And around artifacts in both the log cabin birthplace and in the Sawyer House. With this you will see there is an estimate made by DRED the cost of renovating the Sawyer House, which will make it livable year round. And this was done a couple years ago so the figure might be a little different, but not much. And it was about 105,000.

And I amended the bill to allow banks to participate and contribute to the cost of renovating it. And I think that should be coming. I have a approval from the Franklin Savings Bank for 7,500.

And that is the amount that I talked to the President of Merrimack county Savings Bank and Laconia Savings Bank and Pemigewasset National Bank. And then I talked with Peter Spaulding who is with the Providian Bank. I haven't heard from him. I've also talked with David Palfrin, who's the local manager of the Charter Trust Company across the street. He is submitting it to his partners, and then also I talked with William Dunn who has just retired from the Granite State Bank in Peterborough who is working on it for me.

I think that those banks will come through. And I think that what I plan to do is this next week talk to Franklin Savings Bank and bring...(inaudible)

The Sawyer House is very old because Daniel Webster's father sold the birthplace and moved to Webster place in south of Franklin, where the Sister's of Holy Cross have the old New Hampshire Orphan's Home buildings. And that's where he lived most of his life. The Sawyer's built this two story and a half colonial. And it is a very good authentic building. And the lower floor is used as displaying colonial items and utensils and there are some historic pieces there that are on exhibit in the Sawyer House on the first floor. On the birthplace was part of a barn, which was originally attached to the Sawyer House back in the early 1900's.

And in 1916 the gentleman that owned the property wanted to take the birthplace, which was attached to the house and in not too good repair. But he wanted to dismantle it and take it to St. Louis for the St. Louis exposition. And the Franklin Building and Loan Association held the mortgage on it, and that was the bank that I was with for 34 years. They told him no he couldn't do it. So he walked off and left it, and thy foreclosed and they owned it. So then Judge Leech who was President of Building and Loan, and Judge Town who owned the Franklin (inaudible) and the secretary and treasurer of the Building and Loan, and they made a promotion and got the birthplace restored. And then they deeded it to the state. I have a book of the program

when they deeded it to the state and it was a big celebration. And it was quite an affair.

Incidentally if anyone is interested in Daniel Webster, our Secretary of State Bill Gardner has done a lot of research and a lot of work and he would be a very good speaker if you wanted him for a occasion to talk about Daniel Webster. Because between 1820 and 1850 Daniel Webster was the most important statesman in Washington DC. And nothing went through unless he approved it. His record still stands as being the only attorney who has a record of appearing before the United State's Supreme Court. He was also one of the co-authors of the Webster, Ash, Burton Treaty, which settled the boundary lines between Canada and Maine, New Hampshire, Vermont and New York states. So he was quite a pretty important man, which we have him out in front of the State House but nobody pays much attention to it.

But you know when a few years ago when they were plowing the front of the State House with a snowplow they hit the bottom of the statue and caused some damage. Well they got a settlement from the company of the owner of the plow. And it was 52,000 that they got. And a little while ago I talked with Commissioner Hill where that was. They checked out and I think that it was about 40,000 that was used to buy computers. And the other 12,000 was used to help restore the statues around the State House.

I feel quite sure that these other banks are going to come through. And I think with some publicity, using the $7,500 figure that most of them will come through with it. And then when this was being heard before the House Finance Committee, I was talking with Commissioner Bald, and he said that if we could raise 50% that they would find the other 50% to do the work. So I think that that will happen. It's passed the House and it's passed the Finance and here it is.

Senator Frederick W. King, D. 1: Its just passed the House Finance Committee?

Representative Whittemore: Yes. It's passed the House twice. So all here, all for you.

Senator Frederick W. King, D. 1: Any questions?

Senator Beverly A. Hollingworth, D. 23: I guess my question is, while I admire all that you said about Daniel Webster the estimates here are for the Sawyer House. Is that not true? Or am I reading this wrong?

Representative Whittemore: Yes.

Senator Beverly A. Hollingworth, D. 23: Its not necessary for the Daniel Webster House, birthplace, its for the Sawyer House as a custodial home.

Representative Whittemore: Yes. The birthplace is in pretty good shape, may need a little but not much. But by keeping the birthplace open, you've got to have custodians there. This would be the logical way.

Senator Beverly A. Hollingworth, D. 23: I guess my next question is that it appears that in 1997/1998 you had 208 people who went through and in 1998/1999 you had 263. That was from, going July to August and part of October. It looks like you were shut down... Actually you just did July and August. June apparently maybe because this is biennium, because it looks like you did June of 98. So June, July and August is what you had open. Do you really think that you would do much more than that? I mean if you can only do 208 during peak tourism season, why would you think that you would be able to generate enough visitors so that you would be able to pay this back?

Representative Whittemore: Well it's been open very seldom in the past two or three years. Another thing, the Franklin Historical Society for three years has sponsored a lady who comes there on weekends, on Saturdays and demonstrates colonial weaving and spinning and cooking. And that is why there are that number of people visiting at that time. Because other times its locked and tight and nobody gets in. Maybe you can peek in the windows but that's about all.

And by opening it up and having custodians there year round, I'm very sure that it will have a very good record of attendance in admissions, which will help to carry the cost of having custodians there, living there. And the Franklin Historical Committee I think its at least 5,000 that the Historical Society has put into it each year for the last three years.

Senator Frederick W. King, D. 1: Any other questions?

Senator Carl R. Johnson, D. 3: Yes. Representative Whittemore, would you tell me currently what funds are available for promoting the Daniel Webster House?

Representative Whittemore: Well I think that DRED feels that they would find some to help do it. And with the banks stepping in and paying for half of it that they would find the difference to use to do the work.

Senator Frederick W. King, D. 1: Follow up.

Senator Carl R. Johnson, D. 3: So currently to your knowledge there's no state funds that are available for promotion.

Representative Whittemore: Not right now, no. Unless the House and Senate would agree to transfer that 52,000 back from the insurance money that went for that damaged statue and we could use it on the birthplace.

Senator Carl R. Johnson, D. 3: Thank you.

Senator Frederick W. King, D. 1: Thank you very much.

Representative Whittemore: Thank you.

Senator Frederick W. King, D. 1: Senator D'Allesandro?

Senator Lou D'Allesandro, D. 20: Thank you very much Mr. Chairman. For the record my name is Lou D'Allesandro. I'm the State Senator representing District 20. I'd just like to make a comment.

Representative Whittemore has been an outstanding public servant and has worked diligently to care for the monuments in front of the building, and has great concern for the historical landmarks. I think he deserves our compliment in terms of his stick-to-itiveness (sic), in terms of trying to put these things together.

I'm here today to offer an amendment that I think is in the tradition of Daniel Webster. We want to do good things for safety for the state of New Hampshire and we have the honorable Richard Flynn with us, the Commissioner of Safety, who's iterations will be far and above anything that I can give to you, in terms of both their content and eloquence.

Senator Frederick W. King, D. 1: Excuse me you want to offer the amendment that's for this bill?

Senator Lou D'Allesandro, D. 20: Yes.

Senator Frederick W. King, D. 1: I think I'd like to get the testimony on the issue on the bill if I could before we get into an amendment. Do you have time to do that for us? Do you want to introduce your amendment? I'm not going to take any testimony on it until we deal with the substance of the bill.

Senator Lou D'Allesandro, D. 20: Then why don't we wait until the appropriate moment.

Senator Frederick W. King, D. 1: Thank you.

Senator Lou D'Allesandro, D. 20: Thank you.

Senator Frederick W. King, D. 1: Representative Martin Feuerstein?

Representative Martin Feuerstein: For the record my name is Representative Martin Feuerstein, Merrimack, 13. I'm here just to support Mr. Whittemore in his effort to improve the Sawyer home there. And just to...That's it basically. Just to support him and his testimony for that. I have nothing to offer.

Senator Frederick W. King, D. 1: Thank you very much.

Representative Martin Feuerstein: Thank you.

Senator Frederick W. King, D. 1: Mr. McLeod? You can answer some of the technical questions.

Richard McLeod: Good afternoon Mr. Chairman, committee members. For the record my name is Rich McLeod. I'm the Director of the Division of Parks and Recreation. I'm here today to speak to this legislation.

The legislation that I see in front of me is not the legislation that the Division of Parks and DRED agreed to support after the work session with the Finance Committee. What I testified to in the House and in the Finance Committee was that the Division of Parks was willing to match dollar for dollar any private funds that were raised by Representative Whittemore. And that's not what I see in front of me here as submitted for legislation.

Senator Frederick W. King, D. 1: There seems to be a change in the fiscal note too. The bill as it was amended in the House seems to have the same fiscal note as the original bill. It speaks to the appropriation of $105,180. 30,180 to come from private and public donations, 75,000 from the conservation plate trust fund.

Richard McLeod: Right.

Senator Frederick W. King, D. 1: What is your understanding of the...?

Richard McLeod: Mr. Chairman that's something that we discussed at the work session in Finance. I think it's unrealistic to be looking towards revenue from that license plate bill at this time. From what I've been told

that could be as much as a year, possibly two years out before we see any actual revenue flowing into any agency coffers. So that was the reason for my offering to match dollar for dollar any private funds raised from the park fund.

Not that this is not an unworthy project its just that Senator there's over two or three million dollars in deferred maintenance in the Division of parks. And if I was going to select a project to invest in, this would not be a project that would be at the top of my priority list Senator.

Representative Whittemore: I don't read the bill... I read the bill as different from the fiscal note.

Senator Frederick W. King, D. 1: Yes the amended bill was different. I just wanted to know... The fiscal note seemed to be the same. The bill seems to say that you will match up to $52,590 in private source money.

Richard McLeod: Right.

Senator Frederick W. King, D. 1: And you're saying that's not what you agreed to?

Richard McLeod: Maybe it is my misunderstanding Mr. Chairman. I thought that the appropriation of $105,000, I thought that that language was going to be struck from the bill. Like I said, maybe that was my misunderstanding. But my offer to Representative Whittemore and sponsors of the bill was that the Park fund would match private funds raised dollar for dollar.

Senator Frederick W. King, D. 1: I believe in order to spend $105,000 it has to be appropriated. Its kind of a two faced bill and I guess what your saying, your understanding is if they only raise 50,000 than the project can only be a $100,000 project.

Richard McLeod: Right Senator.

Senator Frederick W. King, D. 1: I think that's the wrong fiscal note, it got carried over. I think the new fiscal note should simply say that it's the intent of the legislation to appropriate a sum not to exceed $105,180, with DRED prepared to match on a dollar for dollar basis up to 50% of that amount. Obviously this bill is going to go to Finance anyway.

Richard McLeod: Senator I'd be happy to work with Jack Denay.

Senator Beverly A. Hollingworth, D. 23: The question is who does the Sawyer House belong to? Is it state property?

Richard McLeod: Yes Senator it's ours. Its part of the Division of Parks.

Senator Beverly A. Hollingworth, D. 23: So the operation costs of the Daniel Webster building and the Sawyer building is now picked up by DRED?

Richard McLeod: It would fall to us. The program that Representative Whittemore is talking about that's run by the Franklin Historical Society, those costs have been picked up by the Franklin Historical Society. That's the direction that we're heading in all of our historical properties in the Division of Parks. We're asking our commissions and our partners to pick up more and more of the cost associated with management and operation of these historic sites, because historically and traditionally they do not make money Senator. And as you know we are self-funding.

Senator Beverly A. Hollingworth, D. 23: I know I have one in our community as well, and we never made money out of it.

Senator Frederick W. King, D. 1: Because of your status as a self-funded agency this just draws down from the profit...

Richard McLeod: That's right Mr. Chairman. And if we were to promote this particular site, those funds would have to come out of my operating budget.

Senator Frederick W. King, D. 1: So right now DRED's support of this bill is up to the maximum amount of 50% of the money not to exceed half of the $105,000...

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Senator Frederick W. King, D. 1: Thank you very much.

Richard McLeod: Your welcome.

Senator Frederick W. King, D. 1: Mr. Dodge?

Jim Dodge: Thank you. Pardon me for my lack of sartorial splendor. I come direct from the logging woods and I gotta go back there.

Senator Frederick W. King, D. 1: Nice to see a working man in the halls.

Jim Dodge: You probably don't want to hear about it but when I was a child, everybody knew about the greatness of Daniel Webster. To me that wasn't too long ago. You learned about him in the elementary school. My fathers before me had lived in the Merrimack Valley since the state began. And an oral history of Daniel Webster came down to us, all about his greatness. Great Grandmother lived down there and lived long enough to relate to me about the greatness of Daniel Webster. She was probably the greatest democrat without a vote in New Hampshire, a real politician. But the greatness of Daniel Webster.

This still amazes me, going up the hill to mass every now and then the priest and his humbling would expound about the greatness of Daniel Webster. I thought Webster was going to become the main feature up there. Then I found out the guy was from Franklin.

But the shame is that we have not done more to let the country know that New Hampshire was the home of the man who was considered by historians the greatest statesman the United States ever had. Another group of very knowledgeable people have said the three greatest senators, Wolaffolet, Clay and Daniel Webster. We don't seem to give a damn about that. We like the honkey tonk(sic), the racetracks and that kind of stuff. But when it comes to real important things about our government, if they knew more about Webster it would instill in people the importance of government and how our government works.

One of the hardest times in government that the United States experienced was from the time that Washington became president until the civil war, when each state was trying to go off on its own route. They considered themselves independent commonwealths. Virginia put Customs Houses on her walls on the river, and charged terror to her neighboring states when they brought in goods. There was the nullification acts in Carolina.

Webster was the power that took care of that, that brought our nation together as much as possible. It's considered by historians that he saved the nation. If they burned down Mt. Vernon and didn't rebuild it there'd be an outcry all over United States. And we who had Daniel Webster do not a damn thing about it. The state dedicated the highway from the national border to Quebec to Daniel Webster. A few years ago I went down to find what I remembered to be beautiful granite monuments. Swenson had given the monuments, somebody the tab would ebb some of the wisdom of Webster on them. It took me a half-hour to find them in the bushes. I did enter a few complaints I think the division engineer from up around Laconia did get them cleared out. I don't know how they are now. They're on old Route 3, so I haven't been down there, but I will go.

I'm so glad that Jim Whittemore brought about this bill, brought it to your attention, because this would be the proper start in what should be a great effort of our government to let the world know about this wonderful person. And of course the farm, which has been a nunnery and an orphan's home, and I guess its still a nun's place on Route 3 not far from the birthplace on the edge of the river. It was Daniel Webster's father's farm and Daniel Webster kept the farm all his life. It was a disgraceful thing when I had the radio going on in the shop, one of these talk show guys had a question. Why does New Hampshire think Daniel Webster is theirs? This guy's in Laconia on the radio. That was to be the theme of that half-hour. Well I called him, and he picked up a new theme when I got through with him.

Naturally Daniel Webster is ours. He's not Marshfield Massachusetts, he's a New Hampshire man. He's famous for his Dartmouth College case. His words about Dartmouth, she is small but there are those of us that love her. Still are commonly quoted. I think it's a damn disgrace that we even need to be here to say lets do something about commemorating Daniel Webster.

Senator Frederick W. King, D. 1: Any questions? Thank you very much.

Jim Dodge: Didn't I say anything worth a question?

Senator Frederick W. King, D. 1: Ok, we have a question for you.

Senator George F. Disnard, D. 8: Would you believe I'm surprised you didn't mention that Daniel Webster was the attorney who received the high water mark at the Connecticut river in Vermont. I don't know if that was a good decision or not.

Jim Dodge: Well if I had known, I'm not sure if I would have talked about it.

Senator Frederick W. King, D. 1: Representative Wallin was here earlier, she left, she is in favor of the bill, didn't wish to speak. And now Senator D'Allesandro we'll...

Senator Lou D'Allesandro, D. 20: In the true tradition of Daniel Webster. Thank you very much. Thank you Senator King. For the record my name is Lou D'Allesandro, I'm a Senator representing District 20 and I'm the former President of Daniel Webster College. So its god's will that I'm here Senator King to bring this amendment forth on this magnificent day when Daniel Webster is being brought before us.

I have an amendment to offer. The amendment deals with a capital appropriation that we made in the Capital Budget. But that Capital appropriation is not enough to handle the particular structure.

Senator Frederick W. King, D. 1: May I ask why the amendment is not going to the Capital Budget Committee?

Senator Lou D'Allesandro, D. 20: I thought it was appropriate to bring it to this committee. But if you prefer it to go the Capital Budget Committee I'm sure that that wouldn't be a problem. But it seemed appropriate at this point in time that it be brought here.

Senator Frederick W. King, D. 1: They will be meeting tomorrow, that's all. Are they meeting tomorrow?

Senator Beverly A. Hollingworth, D. 23: Friday.

Senator Frederick W. King, D. 1: But go ahead, we may recommend that after we hear you.

Senator Lou D'Allesandro, D. 20: This has to do with the design and construction of Troop D barracks for the Department of Safety. Commissioner Flynn came before our committee and talked about the construction of a 2,000 square foot building. And this particular building at that time was priced out at about $80 a square foot. Subsequently Public Works has indicated that the real cost of this building will be $125 per square foot, which increases the cost from the $910,000 that we have appropriated to 1.5 million. The moneys come from the highway trust and the Commissioner is here to answer any specific questions that you might have. But the urgency is the fact that the building is required because it is very difficult to get to I-93 and I-89 from the current location at the Concord Airport. The proposed Clinton site would give the troopers easy access to I-93 and I-89, which they need desperately.

Also buss testing, motor vehicle testing, truck testing would be done at Clinton Street, thus freeing up 10 Hazen Drive, which currently becomes a disaster area with the large busses, motor cycles and other vehicles that are being tested in the parking lot. That's basically the rational for the amendment. The amendment was brought here because it was germane to this particular issue as it was an issue having to do with a capital appropriation. I think that as I said the Commissioner is here, he'll answer any questions that anyone might have. I was on the Capital Budget Committee as Vice-Chair of the Committee. We approved this situation and at that time testimony indicated that $80 a square foot would handle it. At

this point in time it appears that $125 is the issue. So I ask for your consideration on this amendment.

Senator Frederick W. King, D. 1: It seems to indicate that there was an amendment that it raised 910,000

Senator Lou D'Allesandro, D. 20: Originally it was 910,000. Yes.

Senator Frederick W. King, D. 1: Any questions?

Senator Beverly A. Hollingworth, D. 23: Senator D'Allesandro, the Capital Budget has 2 House Bills, the Department of Employment security's power to approve building projects, and HB 305 relative to a lease-purchase agreement between Chesire County and the state for construction of a new district courthouse to be located in the town of Jaffrey.

I didn't know whether the germaneness of those bills is more germane than this one. I guess the question I would ask is was there any attempt to see if the sponsors of those other House Bills that are in Capital Budget might have been receptive.

Senator Lou D'Allesandro, D. 20: I don't know if either one of those sponsors have been contacted. So I don't know if they're receptive or not.

Senator Beverly A. Hollingworth, D. 23: Thank you.

Senator Frederick W. King, D. 1: Thank you.

Senator Lou D'Allesandro, D. 20: Thank you.

Senator Frederick W. King, D. 1: Commissioner Flynn?

Commissioner Richard M. Flynn: Chairman, members of the committee for the record my name is Richard Flynn, the Commissioner of Safety and the reason we looked at this bill was originally it talked about taking some of our plate money, which was the conservation plate money to do the billing. It was a Capital project so it was we thought germane being it came where half of the building we are building is motor vehicle. And that's the reason that we selected this to attach it to.

Very briefly the troop station was in Bow at the junction of 89 and in a town facility in which we were renting and we had to vacate it because they needed the additional space. So the property that we owned was at the airport where we housed our aircraft and we moved that troop station there to put a roof

over their heads. And started planning for the building of this troop station. This is the only troop that does not have a troop station. And so we started our planning for this facility and used the land, utilizing land over on Clinton Street. And we were swapping some of the land that we had where our old radio station was and we were going to give that up and use this land near the park and ride, which is at the junction of 89.

The motor vehicle side of it needs it because there's no space for testing of school busses, no space for motorcycle testing or commercial drivers and the people I meet with, mature drivers that are going to have to be tested at some point in time. And so that the facility was needed away from where we are, its such a crowded area there, you just can't do any testing in that general area.

So we originally went to public works and their architect came back what they estimated the figure at $80 a square foot for the construction of this facility. And then they in turn hired transportation, which is public works, hired another architect to do the design. And the architect that they hired came back to us and we meet again yesterday, and said you can't build that building for less than $120 to $125 a square foot. And so the money has already been passed at that $910,000 but there's no sense in going forward if you can't build the building.

We were told well, start it. And you say what part do you start? And where so you go? So that that's why its important at this point to either find that we have the money to build the building or we just don't build. We just sit back and wait for another year. So we were looking for something that we could. And this is the best estimate of the architect that the state has hired already to build that facility, that we need that 1.5, 110,000 to complete this facility and parking lot there. I'd be glad to answer any questions that you might have. And that's the reason we used this bill. But you know, is there another bill?

Senator Beverly A. Hollingworth, D. 23: If you use this one it still has to go before Capital Budget. So it would seem to me that if urgency is the problem, it would seem that you would want to take it directly to Capital Budget on Friday so that it could be acted on and then be at the floor. Otherwise this will have to be not acted on until a week from this Thursday if we were to exec. it today, and it would then have to still go before Capital Budget. So if your desire is to get this expedited, it would seem that you might want to take it to Capital Budget on Friday so that they acted on it on one of those bills that they have before them. Then it can come before the floor actually at least a week in advance.

Commissioner Richard M. Flynn: We certainly want to move it the quickest that we can because were looking to go out to build, Public Works is looking to go out to build even in April, is what they were shooting for, which is not going to be possible. If the money were...

Senator Frederick W. King, D. 1: I believe this bill, the original bill as amended in the House needs to go to Finance. So I'd be apt Finance and then clearly this would have to go to Capital Budget. The amendment would have to go to Capital Budget so I would think that that amendment on one of these Capital Budget items on Friday would be a quick way to do that. This bill I assume, this project was before Capital Budget and was passed so they would endorse the project. I would think that they would endorse the increased money, because your story is the story of all Capital Budgets unfortunately. The cost of construction has gone up so dramatically. So I think in the interest of time that would be... It would have to go to Capital Budget eventually.

Commissioner Richard M. Flynn: Than we will be glad to be here on Friday to go before the Capital Budget Committee.

Senator Frederick W. King, D. 1: Is that something that you would agree with Senator D'Allesandro?

Senator Lou D'Allesandro, D. 20: Sure.

Senator Frederick W. King, D. 1: Your on Capital Budget right?

Senator Lou D'Allesandro, D. 20: Yes.

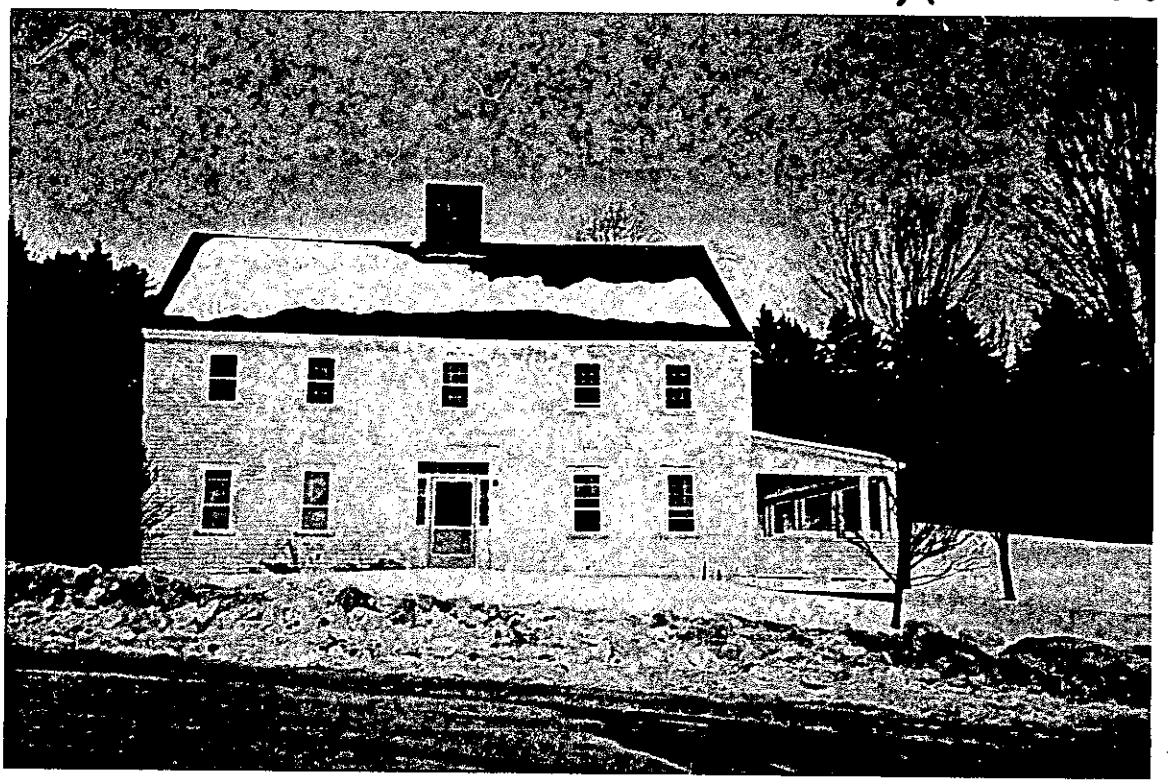
Senator Beverly A. Hollingworth, D. 23: I just think it makes it much quicker. Otherwise you're going to be two weeks behind.

Commissioner Richard M. Flynn: Thank you very much.

Senator Frederick W. King, D. 1: Thank you.

Hearing closed at 4:06 PM
Respectfully submitted,
Jillian Nina Mason, Verbatim Transcriber

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State of New Hampshire

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

CONCORD

MEMORANDUM

TO: Senate Energy and Economic Development Committee
Senator Frederick King, Chairman

FROM: Representative James A. Whittemore

DATE: February 24, 2000

RE: HB 86-A

Attached is the amended version of HB 86-A, which recently passed the House, as well as other materials pertaining to this bill.

All of the banks listed below have been contacted:

Franklin Savings Bank
Merrimack County Savings Bank
Laconia Savings Bank
Providian National Bank
Pemigewasset National Bank
Granite State Bank
Charter Trust

Yesterday morning Franklin Savings Bank notified me that they have approved their share of the cost, amounting to $7,500. I am hoping for replies from the others as soon as possible.

JAW/sg
Attachments

State of New Hampshire

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

CONCORD

MEMORANDUM

TO: Division II, Finance Committee

FROM: Representative James A. Whittemore

DATE: January 31, 2000

RE: HB 86-A

Attached is information concerning the restoration of the Daniel Webster birthplace and the Sawyer House connected with it. My original bill for the restoration of this originally called for state bonding, but realizing the financial situation, I amended the bill to provide for private donations from local banks.

Last week in a conversation with DRED Commissioner Bald and Parks Director McLeod, they told me they felt the state could match the private funds. I'm hoping that the seven banks I have contacted will be able to supply a good share of the cost of approximately $110,000.

If this could be done, then the state can provide living quarters in the Sawyer House for the custodians who can supervise this historic site year round. By so doing, I feel quite sure that income from admissions will cover a large part of the yearly operation. Also, the Franklin Historical Society for the last three years has supported the demonstrations of early colonial life presented weekends for the public.

With the combination of these facts, I feel this will be a very active and well managed state park.

cc: Executive Councilor Peter J. Spaulding
Franklin Savings Bank
Merrimack County Savings Bank
Laconia Savings Bank
Providian National Bank
Pemigewasset National Bank
Granite State Bank
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LETTER OF TRANSMITTAL

DATE 8/7/97 | JOB #

ATTENTION

RE: SAWYER HOUSE
AT
DANIEL WEBSTER BIRTHPLACE

TO REPRESENTATIVE JAMES WHITTEMORE
P.O. BOX 6058
FRANKLIN, N.H. 03235

WE ARE SENDING YOU ☑ Attached ☐ Under separate cover via _____ the following items:

☐ Contract ☐ Prints ☐ Plans ☐ Samples ☐ Specifications

☐ Copy of letter ☐ Change order ☑ COST ESTIMATE

COPIES	DATE	NO.	DESCRIPTION
1	7/1/96		COST ESTIMATE FOR SAWYER HOUSE RENOVATION

THESE ARE TRANSMITTED as checked below

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☐ For review and comment ☐ _____

☐ FOR BIDS DUE _____ 19_____

REMARKS THIS ESTIMATE WAS DONE LAST YEAR BUT SHOULD STILL BE VALID IN MOST CATEGORIES.

COPY TO _____

SIGNED: THOMAS MANSFIELD
DEPT. ARCHITECT

If enclosures are not as noted, kindly notify us at once.

SAWYER HOUSE RENOVATION
AT DANIEL WEBSTER BIRTHPLACE - FRANKLIN, NH

COST ESTIMATE

Note: This estimate is for renovations to make Sawyer House useable as a year-round residence. It is assumed that a portion of the building will continue to serve as a visitor's center for the Daniel Webster Birthplace. No allowance is provided for work at the interior of the attached barn.

Selective demolition	$ 850.00
New leach field	3,500.00
Repoint stonework at foundation as necessary	880.00
Vapor barrier over crawl space	650.00
Concrete floor at basement	2,050.00
Sill replacement	3,200.00
Floor leveling and re-support	5,400.00
Hearth repair	1,180.00
Chimney cleaning and repair	1,750.00
Insulation	3,850.00
Siding repair	2,500.00
Window repair	2,700.00
Storm windows	1,350.00
New entrance door and sidelights	2,250.00
Accessible ramp to porch	2,800.00
Exterior painting	4,450.00
Flooring	4,625.00
New first floor lavatory and stair hall reconfiguration	4,370.00
Wall finish repair	3,500.00

Ceiling finish repair and replacement	2,870.00
Carpet runner on stairs and hall	650.00
Interior door repair	1,425.00
Interior painting	5,750.00
Exterior door repair	750.00
Kitchen appliances	2,950.00
Kitchen cabinets, counters, and finishes	4,500.00
Second floor bathroom remodeling	3,680.00
Plumbing upgrade including new hot water heater	3,200.00
New heating system	12,240.00
Electrical re-wiring and new light fixture	5,750.00
	$ 95,620.00
Contingency 10%	9,560.00
	$105,180.00

STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE
DEPARTMENT OF RESOURCES & ECONOMIC DEV
DIVISION OF PARKS AND RECREATION

SUMMER DAY USE ATTENDANCE
[redacted]

Park	July '97	Aug '97	Sept '97	Oct '97	Nov '97	Dec '97	Jan '98	Feb '98	Mar '98	Apr '98	May '98	June '98	Total
Bear Brook	12,789	5,880	1,613	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	2,044	3,087	25,416
Chesterfield	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Clough	12,211	8,104	78	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	934	532	21,859
Coleman	395	421	196	160	0	0	0	0	0	0	189	327	1,647
Crawford Notch	159,700	190,400	115,200	10,300	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	475,600
Echo Lake	8,595	7,787	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	267	940	17,589
Ellacoya	24,909	21,002	1,602	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	47,513
Flume	24,728	51,947	24,769	15,768	0	0	0	0	0	746	9,858	20,709	137,128
Forest Lake	2,989	1,730	59	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	662	5,440
Frost Farm	1,010	920	316	467	0	0	0	0	0	0	184	401	3,298
Greenfield	14,002	7,854	836	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1,175	2,374	26,242
Hampton Beach	60,767	36,795	2,142	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	645	100,349
Hampton Marina	4,473	4,350	835	39	0	0	0	0	0	0	323	1,171	11,191
Jenness Beach	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Kingston	13,135	6,087	61	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	919	1,157	21,359
Lake Francis	1,067	1,250	411	220	0	0	0	0	0	0	486	1,554	4,988
Milan Hill	12	6	6	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	27
Miller	7,694	7,528	6,804	13,775	482	0	0	0	0	1,681	4,410	3,645	46,019
Monadnock	17,132	18,122	18,716	34,349	2,374	987	462	1,450	702	2,172	13,863	9,543	113,204
Moose Brook	231	193	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	427
Odiorne Point	10,139	11,994	2,417	1,815	271	529	278	1,618	1,779	1,172	3,629	3,553	39,194
Pawtuckaway	31,757	20,432	1,060	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4,299	6,445	63,993
Pillsbury	285	245	96	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	106	76	808
Rhododendron	1,861	327	105	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1,733
Rollins	4,948	4,777	1,683	5,617	103	0	0	0	0	0	1,206	1,523	19,857
Rye Harbor	2,874	2,356	234	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	5,464
Silver Lake	19,775	10,637	633	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1,684	3,835	36,564
Mt. Sunapee Beach	[redacted]												
Wadleigh	2,252	1,976	72	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	217	4,517
Wallis Sands	37,846	28,022	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4,590	7,042	77,500
Mt. Washington	29,183	34,890	15,486	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	79,559
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Weeks	2,069	2,875	899	1,159	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	495	7,497
Wellington	17,086	14,276	1,210	394	0	0	0	0	0	0	662	2,751	36,379
Wentworth	11,501	4,064	16	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	289	526	16,396
Wentworth Coolidge	166	254	0	0	17	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	330
White Lake	10,649	6,779	175	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	752	1,316	19,671
Winslow	4,995	4,710	1,903	4,305	37	0	0	0	0	121	1,105	934	18,110
	553,267	519,107	199,636	88,372	3,284	1,516	740	3,068	2,481	5,892	52,974	75,511	1,487,075

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Bear Brook	22,078	9,734	5,866	321	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	37,999
Chesterfield	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Clough	10,370	5,191	506	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	16,067
Coleman	392	405	143	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	805
Crawford Notch	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Echo Lake	9,058	6,830	470	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	16,358
Ellacoya	20,934	18,781	2,307	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	42,022
Flume	42,787	48,645	30,243	24,349	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	126,114
Forest Lake	3,279	2,690	186	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	6,155
Frost Farm	1,199	932	418	447	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2,996
Greenfield	15,395	8,385	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	23,780
Hampton Beach	24,228	16,905	342	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	41,475
Hampton Marina	6,225	9,079	543	77	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	15,924
Jenness Beach	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Kingston	11,777	6,861	793	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	19,431
Lake Francis	1,125	1,193	740	215	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3,273
Milan Hill	64	16	20	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	100
Miller	8,131	7,252	35,512	4,690	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	55,585
Monadnock	18,304	17,775	20,779	13,720	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	70,578
Moose Brook	307	144	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	451
Odiorne Point	9,695	7,876	3,106	1,069	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	21,746
Pawtuckaway	35,213	22,459	2,973	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	60,645
Pillsbury	180	204	224	144	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	752
Phododendron	2,531	139	44	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2,469
Rollins	4,652	4,591	4,271	3,903	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	17,417
Rye Harbor	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Silver Lake	21,230	8,714	922	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	30,866
Mt. Sunapee Beach	28,131	18,218	1,450	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	47,799
Wadleigh	3,248	2,778	142	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	6,168
Wallis Sands	38,622	816,983	3,759	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	859,364
Mt. Washington	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	[redacted]
Weeks	2,521	2,100	1,758	1,023	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	7,402
Wellington	18,566	15,860	2,874	181	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	37,481
Wentworth	6,404	3,975	340	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	10,719
Wentworth Coolidge	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
White Lake	9,473	7,269	5,749	16	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	22,507
Winslow	4,478	4,673	4,105	2,071	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	15,327
	380,715	1,076,767	130,618	52,227	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1,620,038

Speakers

ENERGY & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

Date 3/7/00 Time 3:10 pm Public Hearing on HB 86-A

Appearing in FAVOR: (Please print) Please check box at left to speak.

Speaking?	Name	Address	Representing
✓ ☐	REP. JEAN WALLIN		HOUSE FINANCE
✓ ☒	Rep James Workman		Twin Mountain
✓ ☑	Sen. D'Allesandro		Sen. Dist 20
✓ ☑	Rich McLeod	DRED	Director Div. of Parks
✓ ☑	Comm. Richard Flynn		SAFETY
✓ ☑	Rep Martin Jamerstein		Franklin
✓ ☑	James Rodger	Selectman	Tilton
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Testimony

Dodge Woodlands

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P.O. Box 69 ♦ Lochmere, NH ♦ USA
Phone (603) 528-3481

January 19, 1999

Dear Friend,

I am sorry that I was unable to attend the hearing on the house bill 86-A and urge its passage. New Hampshire's Daniel Webster was probably our country's greatest statesman. Many a historian takes this position. When I was a schoolboy few days passed without the teacher reminding us of the wisdoms of Webster. My family is proud to say that they lived on the Daniel Webster Highway.

Now he is hardly known among the younger generations and many a town have given that highway which is Daniel Webster by state law a large variety of names. I do not boast that our farm is now situated on the Laconia road. It will benefit the youth of New Hampshire to be aware of Webster's great contributions to our government.

Sincerely,

Jim Dodge

Committee Report

Date: March 7, 2000 Time: 3:10 PM

The Senate Committee on Energy Economic Development held its hearing in Room 105-SH, Concord, New Hampshire.

BILL NO.: HB 86-A TITLE: (New Title) making an appropriation for renovation of the Sawyer House at the Daniel Webster Birthplace in the city of Franklin.

Members of the Committee present:

Senator F. King
Senator Cohen
Senator Disnard
Senator Hollingworth
Senator Johnson
Senator Fraser

Those appearing in favor:

Name and Address	Representing
See Attached.	

Those appearing in opposition:

Name and Address	Representing
See Attached.	

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE:

- ☒ Ought to Pass
- ☐ Ought to Pass w/ Amendment
- ☐ Inexpedient to Legislate
- ☐ Rereferred
- ☐ Interim Study
- ☐ Continued Hearing
- ☐ Postponed Hearing

STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

SENATE

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE

Date:

THE COMMITTEE ON Energy Economic Development

to which was referred House Bill 86-A

AN ACT (New Title) making an appropriation for renovation of the Sawyer House at the Daniel Webster Birthplace in the city of Franklin.

VOTE: 6-0

Having considered the same, report the same without amendment and recommend that the bill: **OUGHT TO PASS.**

Senator Burt Cohen
For the Committee

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Bill Title: (New Title) making an appropriation for renovation of the Sawyer House at the Daniel Webster Birthplace in the city of Franklin.

Date	Body	Description
1/6/1999	H	Introduced and ref to Public Works; HJ10, p126
1/7/1999	H	Copy to Chairman on 01/06/99 due on E f
1/7/1999	H	Hearing Jan 13 1:30 Rm 201,LOB
1/13/1999	H	Continued hearing Jan 19 11:00 Rm201,LOB
2/3/1999	H	Maj Report RE-REF for Feb 10 (vote 18-0;CC)
2/10/1999	H	Re-referred to Public Works committee; HJ18, p281
11/1/1999	H	RE-REF Maj Report OTP/AM for 1/5/2000 (vote 16-0; Reg)
11/1/1999	H	Prop Comm Am {2082}(New Title); HC93, p2262
1/5/2000	H	Comm Am, AA VV; Passed with Am and ref to Finance VV; HJ5, p156-157
1/6/2000	H	Fin Hearing Jan 11 11:00 RMs210-211,LOB
1/25/2000	H	Fin Div II Subcom Work & Exec Session Jan 27 1:30 RM209,LOB
1/25/2000	H	==CANCELLED==Fin Div II Subcom Work & Exec Session Jan 31 9:30 RM209,LOB
1/31/2000	H	Resched Fin Div II Subcom Work & Exec Sess Feb 2 9:30 RM209,LOB
2/3/2000	H	FIn Maj Report OTP/AM for Feb 10 (vote 22-0;Reg)
2/3/2000	H	Prop Fin Comm Am{3313}; HC13, p335
2/10/2000	H	Comm Am, AA VV; Passed with Am VV; HJ16, p415 + 426
2/17/2000	S	Introduced and Ref. to Energy & Economic Development, SJ 4, [See Perm. Journal]
2/23/2000	S	Hearing March 7, Room 105 A, SH, 3:10 p.m.; SC13, Pg.2
3/13/2000	S	Committee Report Ought to Pass; 3/16/00 SC17, Pg.2
3/16/2000	S	Ought to Pass, MA, VV; OT3rdg, MA, VV; SJ 6, Pg.176
3/23/2000	H	Enrolled; HJ26, p852
3/23/2000	S	Enrolled Bill; SJ 7, Pg.197
4/3/2000	H	Signed by the Governor on 4/3/2000 Eff: 4/3/2000 Chap: 0032

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