OPINION 70-22

August 24, 1970

BANK OF NORTH DAKOTA - REFERRAL OF BUILDING - EXPLANATION OF VOTE

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This is in reply to your letter of 24 August 1970, with regard to Measure No. 1, a referral on a building that would be added to the Capitol and would house the North Dakota State Bank Building. You indicate that you would appreciate our clarifying what a yes vote or a no vote on Measure No. 1 would do.

We are enclosing herewith Xerox copy of the Secretary of State's notification to county auditors of the measures to be submitted to the voters at the Primary Election to be held on September 1, 1970.

You will note that the measure with regard to the building project states the question as" "Shall said referred statute be approved?" and gives the voter the alternative of voting "Yes" or "No."

A yes vote will thus approve the measure referred with the result that if a majority of the votes are yes, the measure will become effective law, and the Industrial Commission will then be authorized and directed to construct the proposed building.

A no vote will thus not approve the measure referred, with the result that if a majority of the votes are no, the measure will not become effective law, and the Industrial Commission will then not be authorized and directed to construct the proposed building.

To summarize, a yes vote is for the building, a no vote is against the building.