

Senate Energy & Natural Resources Committee

Senate Concurrent Resolution 4026

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9:00AM

North Dakota State Capitol

Peace Garden Room

Chairman Patten & Members of the Committee:

My name is Andrew Alexis Varvel. I live in Bismarck.

I serve as the Secretary of the Nonpartisan League.

On March 2nd, 2025, the Nonpartisan League Executive Committee voted to support Senate Concurrent Resolution 4026.

The State Bank and the State Mill and Elevator illustrate how the model of public ownership of a strategic industry can work to the benefit of the people. Senate Concurrent Resolution 4026 calls for an interim study to investigate the feasibility of establishing a state owned association to develop North Dakota's oil and gas.

This is a prudent measure, for it is better to look before you leap.

I request a **DO PASS** for Senate Concurrent Resolution 4026.

Thank you.

I am open for questions from this committee.