House Human Services Committee House Concurrent Resolution 3010 Andrew Alexis Varvel North Dakota State Capitol Pioneer Room February 8, 2023 10:30AM

Chairman Weisz and Members of the Committee:

My name is Andrew Alexis Varvel. I live in Bismarck. My sex is male. My grammatical gender in English is masculine. My grammatical gender in Lakota is animate. My preferred pronouns are rock/paper/scissors.

I do not see anything objectionable about this resolution as written, principally because it talks about sex and not about gender. Nothing in this resolution keeps public entities from establishing a de facto policy of recognizing two sexes and three genders, which would be natural male, natural female, and other.

For athletics, prisons, jails, domestic violence shelters, rape and abuse crisis centers, locker rooms, and restrooms, women have a right to be shielded from abuse. That said, facilities should be made available for people whose gender identity does not correspond to their sex at birth. In other words, a third gender.

Although I could choose my gender identity to be a hallucinogenic mushroom, I am also wise enough to understand that no amount of hormones and surgery will ever turn me into one. Likewise, there is nothing that can ever be done – or ever could be done – to turn me into a woman who is capable of getting pregnant.

This does not mean that we cannot let people dream. If your gender identity is to be a hermaphroditic purple dinosaur, I am not here to tell you no. If your gender identity is something that nobody else has ever imagined yet, that is your choice.

Thank you for your time. I welcome questions from the committee.

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