

Written testimony on House Concurrent Resolution 3020

Chairman Louser and Industry, Business and Labor Committee Members

My name is Kevin Herrmann, 300 Fair St. SW, Beulah, ND. I am an independent North Dakota taxpayer.

I am opposed to House Concurrent Resolution 3020. This resolution will change the current 80 day regular legislative session in a two year span to a total of 100 days plus a possible extra 20 days in a two year span. This resolution will make the taxpayers paid more in total salaries and reimbursement in lodging to legislators. What will be the other cost of paying other workers who are not legislators? On page 2, line 4, the underline wording "or when called by the legislative management to reconvene to reconsider a veto". How many days would be allowed? Why would the underline wording not count as part of the 50 days of this resolution?

There has been legislative bill in past legislative sessions relating to having annual sessions splitting the current 80 day legislative session in Article IV but was defeated in past legislative sessions. In the current 2023 legislative session, House Bill 1001, section 8 page 7, has one of the propose study item of the need to hold annual sessions. Unless section 8 of House Bill 1001 is amended, there is no need of House Concurrent Resolution 3020.

Now the 2023 legislators are using term limits as the push for annual sessions. It was all Republicans on the initiative petition for term limits. There were 2 current legislators and 5 former legislators on the sponsoring committee for term limits.

I am asking House Industry, Business and Labor to give House Concurrent Resolution 3020 a DO NOT PASS recommendation.

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