

Members of the Committee I am asking for a Do Not Pass on HCR 3020. There are people from many different religions living in our state. Each religion having validity for the people of that faith. To dictate that the people of this State be urged to acknowledge the Kingship of Jesus, is an assault on the beliefs of others. This resolution is not really about what each of you on this committee believe in terms of your religion, it is about what you are dictating for others that is important. So when someone says to you that you need to support this resolution to acknowledge your belief in the Kingship of Jesus, that is not accurate. You can always acknowledge it. You just don't have the right to ask everyone else to do the same. I don't know about you, but I know my God is so much bigger than one religion. I also know there are many roads that lead to Him. I cannot believe that He would turn his back on devout followers of any religion who acknowledge Him according to their tenants. Yet somehow, you are asking in HCR 3020 that everyone in the state acknowledge the Kingship of Jesus. Are we then going to acknowledge Muhammad, Brahman, and the Dalai Lama among others? This need to impose our religion on others while denying their own spirituality reminds me of a quote from Gandhi, "I like your Christ. I do not like your Christians. Your Christians are so unlike your Christ." When I think of Christ, I think of arms wide open. This resolution is certainly not that. Let us please embrace our diversity, honor each other and our individual beliefs, and vote Do Not Pass on HCR 3020. Thank you for your time. Peggy Stenehjem-Titus District 11 Fargo, ND