

**1999 HOUSE AGRICULTURE
HCR 3035**

1999 HOUSE STANDING COMMITTEE MINUTES

BILL/RESOLUTION NO. HCR 3035

House Agriculture Committee

Conference Committee

Hearing Date 2-11-99

Tape Number	Side A	Side B	Meter #
One HCR 3035	x		17 to 27
Committee Clerk Signature <i>Arlin Hanson</i>			

Minutes:

Summary of resolution: Urges EPA & Congress to work towards harmonizing pesticide registration between Canada and the USA.

Rep Lemieux: Sponsor of resolution and the meat of the resolution is on the back page, Therefore be it resolved that we urge Congress to increase resources for and efforts of the U.S.-Canada Technical Working Group to harmonize pesticide regulations between the two countries..

Rep Stefonowicz: Who is the US-Canada tech working group.?

Rep Lemieux: Group set up under NAFTA, a U.S./Canada/Mexico technical working group was formed to harmonize the regulatory requirements for pesticides.

John Olson: Atty and reg lobbyist for the ND Crop Assoc.

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AB Sabu: Wash DC rep the American Crop Protection Assoc. (Testimony attached) keeps going & going & going & going----- completely supports this resolution.

Rep Nowatzki: There is a North Dakota person setting on this group you have talked about.

Dr Mike Weiz? with the entomology department at NDSU.

Gary Knutson: ND Agri Assoc Ex Director. (Testimony attached)

Chm Nicholas asked what the committee wishes were with 3035 and Rep Berg moved to DO PASS and that it be placed on the consent calendar. Second by Rep Rennerfeldt. All voted aye and HCR 3035 was sent to the house with a unanimous vote.

Date: 2-11-99
Roll Call Vote #: 1

1999 HOUSE STANDING COMMITTEE ROLL CALL VOTES
BILL/RESOLUTION NO. 3035

House AGRICULTURE Committee

Subcommittee on _____
or
 Conference Committee

Legislative Council Amendment Number _____

Action Taken Roll Pass + Consent

Motion Made By Berg Seconded By Rennerfeldt

Representatives	Yes	No	Representatives	Yes	No
Eugene Nicholas, Chaiman			Bob Stefonowicz		
Dennis E. Johnson, Vice Chm					
Thomas T. Brusegaard					
Earl Rennerfeldt					
Chet Pollert					
Dennis J. Renner					
Michael D. Brandenburg					
Gil Herbel					
Rick Berg					
Myron Koppang					
John M. Warner					
Rod Froelich					
Robert E. Nowatzki					
Phillip Mueller					

Total (Yes) all No _____

Absent _____

Floor Assignment _____

REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE (410)
February 12, 1999 10:16 a.m.

Module No: HR-29-2713
Carrier: Nicholas
Insert LC: . Title: .

REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE

HCR 3035: Agriculture Committee (Rep. Nicholas, Chairman) recommends DO PASS and BE PLACED ON THE CONSENT CALENDAR (15 YEAS, 0 NAYS, 0 ABSENT AND NOT VOTING). HCR 3035 was placed on the Tenth order on the calendar.

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1999 SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE MINUTES

BILL/RESOLUTION NO. HCR 3035

Senate Agriculture Committee

Conference Committee

Hearing Date 3/18/99

Tape Number	Side A	Side B	Meter #
2	X		5890-END
2		X	0-528
Committee Clerk Signature <i>Tricia Inguson</i>			

Minutes:

Senator Wanzek called the meeting to order, roll call was taken, all were present.

Senator Wanzek opened the hearing on HCR 3035.

Ab Basu from the American Crop Protection Association stood in support of the bill.

Beth Baumstark from the Attorney General's office stood in support.

Gary Knutson from the ND Ag. Association spoke in support of the bill.

Representative Lemieux explained the bill.

Senator Sand: I look at these as working with them.

Representative Lemieux: That's true.

Senator Wanzek closed the hearing.

Senator Klein made the motion for a Do Pass.

Senator Mathern seconded.

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Senate Agriculture Committee
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Hearing Date 3/18/99

ROLL CALL: 7 Yes, 0 No

CARRIER: Senator Urlacher

The bill was placed on the consent calendar.

Date: 3/18
Roll Call Vote #: 1

1999 SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE ROLL CALL VOTES
BILL/RESOLUTION NO. HCR 3035

Senate Agriculture Committee

Subcommittee on _____
or
 Conference Committee

Legislative Council Amendment Number _____

Action Taken Do Pass Consent

Motion Made By Klein Seconded By Mathern

Senators	Yes	No	Senators	Yes	No
Senator Wanzek	✓				
Senator Klein	✓				
Senator Sand	✓				
Senator Urlacher	✓				
Senator Kinnoin	✓				
Senator Kroeplin	✓				
Senator Mathern	✓				

Total (Yes) 7 No 0

Absent _____

Floor Assignment Senator Urlacher

If the vote is on an amendment, briefly indicate intent:

REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE (410)
March 18, 1999 4:29 p.m.

Module No: SR-49-5145
Carrier: Urlacher
Insert LC: . Title: .

REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE

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1999 TESTIMONY

HCR 3035



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**STATEMENT BY THE AMERICAN CROP PROTECTION ASSOCIATION
BEFORE THE HOUSE COMMITTEE OF AGRICULTURE
FIFTY-SIXTH LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF NORTH DAKOTA**

FEBRUARY 11, 1999

CONCERNING HCR3035

LADIES AND GENTLEMEN:

THE AMERICAN CROP PROTECTION ASSOCIATION IS THE NOT-FOR-PROFIT TRADE ASSOCIATION, BASED IN WASHINGTON, D.C., THAT REPRESENTS THE COMPANIES THAT PRODUCE, SELL AND DISTRIBUTE VIRTUALLY ALL OF THE CROP PROTECTION AND PEST CONTROL CHEMICALS REGISTERED FOR USE IN THE UNITED STATES.

ACPA APPRECIATES THE INVITATION OF THIS COMMITTEE TO TESTIFY IN SUPPORT OF THE BILL BEFORE YOU: HCR3035.

HARMONIZATION – WHAT AND WHEN?

- **UNDER NAFTA, A U.S./CANADA/MEXICO TECHNICAL WORKING GROUP WAS FORMED TO HARMONIZE THE REGULATORY REQUIREMENTS FOR PESTICIDES.**
- USEPA AND ITS NORTHERN COUNTERPART, THE CANADIAN PEST MANAGEMENT REGULATORY AGENCY, HAVE BEEN WORKING TO HARMONIZE REGULATORY REQUIREMENTS AND REVIEW PROCESSES FOR PESTICIDES SINCE 1993 – THE LAST SIX YEARS. THE TECHNICAL WORKING GROUP GUIDES THIS PROCESS.
- CURRENTLY, USEPA AND PMRA ARE WORKING TOGETHER ON PILOT PROJECTS FOR JOINT REVIEW OF PESTICIDES. A RESULT OF THIS IS ONE NEW PESTICIDE, CYPRODINIL FOR USE ON FRUIT AND NUT CROPS. ADDITIONALLY, USEPA AND PMRA HAVE SHARED DATA ON 80 OTHER PESTICIDE PRODUCTS IN EFFORTS TO ALLOW GREATER EFFICIENCIES IN THE REGULATORY SYSTEMS.

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- UNFORTUNATELY, THE PACE TOWARDS HARMONIZATION IS GRADUAL AND SLOW AND NOT NECESSARILY ONE WHICH KEEPS THE TIMING INTERESTS OF GROWERS IN MIND.
- HARMONIZATION IS ALSO A PROCESS WHICH REQUIRES TREMENDOUS RESOURCES AND FOCUS FROM THE US AND CANADIAN REGULATORY AGENCIES, USING PERSONNEL WHO MAY ALSO BE INVOLVED WITH NUMEROUS OTHER ISSUES CONCERNING THE REGULATION OF PESTICIDE PRODUCTS WITHIN THEIR OWN RESPECTIVE COUNTRIES.
- **IF PESTICIDE PRODUCT TESTING WERE HARMONIZED, WE STRONGLY BELIEVE A MAJOR STEP TOWARDS ADDRESSING US GROWERS' CONCERNS OVER PRODUCT AVAILABILITY AND PRICE.**
- LAST DECEMBER, THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE SIGNED A DOCUMENT OF UNDERSTANDING TO EXPLORE HARMONIZATION ISSUES OF CONCERN TO GROWERS ACROSS THE COUNTRY. IN MARCH, USDA WILL CONVENE A GROUP OF CANADIAN AND U.S. REGULATORY OFFICIALS AND SEVERAL CEO'S OF CROP PROTECTION COMPANIES TO EXPLORE THE ISSUES OF CONCERN. WE SUGGEST THAT NORTH DAKOTA MAY WISH TO OFFICIALLY ATTEND OR MONITOR THESE TALKS.

WHILE WE SUPPORT CALLS FOR AN EXPEDITED HARMONIZATION AND ADDING RESOURCES TO THE TECHNICAL WORKING GROUP, WE MUST REMEMBER THAT AVAILABILITY AND COST COULD POTENTIALLY WORSEN BECAUSE OF THE CURRENT UNCLEAR WAY IN WHICH USEPA IS IMPLEMENTING THE FEDERAL FOOD QUALITY PROTECTION ACT OF 1996. (PLEASE SEE ACPA TESTIMONY SUPPORTING HCR3030 REGARDING THIS ISSUE.)

THANK YOU FOR THE OPPORTUNITY TO COMMENT ON THE LEGISLATIVE PROPOSAL BEFORE YOU TODAY. I WOULD BE PLEASED TO ANSWER ANY QUESTIONS YOU MAY HAVE.

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House Concurrent Resolution 3035
February 11, 1999

North Dakota
Fifty-Sixth Legislative Assembly
Agriculture Committee

Chairman Eugene Nicholas and House Agriculture Committee members. I am Gary Knutson and I serve as the North Dakota Agriculture Association Executive Director. I'm here today representing our 400 member organization which includes retailers, dealers, manufacturers, distributors and individuals providing services to our state's crop production industry. As Agri-businesses we're involved in fertilizer, seed, crop protection products, and associated equipment utilized in producing the region's row crop and grains.

It is our position to strongly endorse immediate and effective attention to the harmonization of the crop protection registration requirements by the United States and Canada to bring about similar timelines and requirements for registration. We believe HCR 3035 which would urge the Environmental Protection Agency and the Congress of the United States to increase resources for and efforts of the United States-Canada Technical working Group to harmonize pesticide regulations between the two countries, to commit more resources and efforts toward establishing tolerances for pesticides registered for use in Canada but not in the United States, and to accept registration data currently accepted by Canadian officials in support of Canadian pesticide registrations does effectively address this issue. This form of resolution we believe, when combined with probable similar action by other agricultural states, would be a most effective vehicle in helping attain product registration harmonization success between the two countries.

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March 18, 1999

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