

**1999 HOUSE AGRICULTURE**

**HCR 3037**

1999 HOUSE STANDING COMMITTEE MINUTES

BILL/RESOLUTION NO. 3037

House Agriculture Committee

Conference Committee

Hearing Date 2-11-99

Tape Number	Side A	Side B	Meter #
One HCR 3037	x		46 to 55
Committee Clerk Signature <i>Clavin Hansen</i>			

Minutes:

Summary of HCR 3037: Urges congress to review the NAFTA & GATT agreements on tariffs and trade and repeal them if necessary.

Rep Warner: Dist 4 1 of the sponsor's of House Concurrent Resolution 3037. Need to take a look at NAFTA and see if there are areas where we are being discriminated against with this agreement. This is not anti-free trade agreement legislation. I think all of us recognize that free trade is the direction that we are going to have to go. There are some parts of the agreement that are moving faster then the rest and we need to keep a watch on this to see that it doesn't effect us separately.

Rep Berg: What we want is keep in everything that is good for us and take out what is bad for us.

No opposition to the resolution: Moved by Rep Berg for a DO PASS Second by Rep Koppang and be placed on the consent calender. Unaminous vote for a Do Pass

Date:  
Roll Call Vote #:

1999 HOUSE STANDING COMMITTEE ROLL CALL VOTES  
BILL/RESOLUTION NO. 3037

House AGRICULTURE Committee

Subcommittee on \_\_\_\_\_  
or  
 Conference Committee

Legislative Council Amendment Number \_\_\_\_\_

Action Taken Do pass on Consent Cal

Motion Made By Berg Seconded By Koppang

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) \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

Absent Carrier

Floor Assignment \_\_\_\_\_

REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE (410)  
February 12, 1999 10:42 a.m.

Module No: HR-29-2732  
Carrier: Nicholas  
Insert LC: . Title: .

**REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE**

**HCR 3037: 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 3037 was placed on the Tenth order on the calendar.

**1999 SENATE AGRICULTURE**

**HCR 3037**

1999 SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE MINUTES

BILL/RESOLUTION NO. HCR 3037

Senate Agriculture Committee

Conference Committee

Hearing Date 3/25/99

Tape Number	Side A	Side B	Meter #
1	X		2755-4030
Committee Clerk Signature <i>Chicia Johnson</i>			

Minutes:

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

Senator Wanzek opened the hearing on HCR 3037.

Mark Sitz from the ND Farmer's Union spoke in support of the bill. Feel the bill is important and they would support it.

Senator Mathern: Was any of this addressed in D.C.?

Mark Sitz: Yes.

Senator Sand: With all the expertise we had why weren't we represented?

Mark Sitz: When NAFTA was negotiated our representatives were not representing farmers.

Representative Warner spoke in support of the bill. This is an issue of international trade.

Senator Wanzek closed the hearing on HCR 3037.

Senator Klein made the motion for a Do Pass.

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Senate Agriculture Committee  
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Senator Mathern seconded.

ROLL CALL: 7 Yes, 0 No

CARRIER: Senator Kinnoin

PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 3037

Page 1, line 1, replace "review" with "act on behalf of the American farmer and pursue full, fair, and free trade by using the Export Enhancement Program to open foreign markets to agricultural products and by amending those portions of"

Page 1, line 2, replace "and amend those portions of the agreements" with "which"

Page 1, line 3, remove "that" and replace "repeal" with "by repealing"

Page 1, after line 4, insert:

**WHEREAS**, the Export Enhancement Program was initiated under the Food Security Act of 1985 to offset the adverse effects on United States exports due to unfair trade practices or subsidies by competing exporters; and

**WHEREAS**, since its inception, the Export Enhancement Program has played a major role in exports of many agricultural commodities, particularly wheat, which has accounted for 80 percent of the value of all Export Enhancement Program sales; and

**WHEREAS**, more than \$5.5 billion was spent on wheat Export Enhancement Program sales between the mid-1980s and the mid-1990s; and

**WHEREAS**, during the last decade, the Export Enhancement Program has been applied to approximately two-thirds of all United States wheat exports; and

**WHEREAS**, during the Uruguay Round of the GATT agreement, the United States agreed to reduce the value of expenditures on subsidized exports and to reduce the volume of subsidized expenditures relative to the 1986-90 base; and

**WHEREAS**, since decisions to reduce the value of expenditures on subsidized exports were made, producers have had to contend with disastrously low commodity prices and funds provided by Congress to promote agricultural exports have gone unspent; and"

Page 1, line 20, replace "review" with "act on behalf of the American farmer and pursue full, fair, and free trade by using the Export Enhancement Program to open foreign markets to agricultural products and by amending those portions of"

Page 1, line 21, replace "and amend those portions of the agreements that" with "which"

Page 1, line 22, replace "repeal" with "by repealing"

Page 1, line 24, after the second "Agriculture" insert "and Appropriations"

Renumber accordingly



Date: 3/25

Roll Call Vote #: 1

**1999 SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE ROLL CALL VOTES**  
**BILL/RESOLUTION NO. HCR 3037**

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 Kroepflin	✓				
Senator Mathern	✓				

Total (Yes) 7 No 0

Absent \_\_\_\_\_

Floor Assignment Senator Kinnoin

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

REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE (410)  
March 25, 1999 12:02 p.m.

Module No: SR-54-5599  
Carrier: Kinnoin  
Insert LC: . Title: .

**REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE**

**HCR 3037: Agriculture Committee (Sen. Wanzek, Chairman) recommends DO PASS and BE PLACED ON THE CONSENT CALENDAR (7 YEAS, 0 NAYS, 0 ABSENT AND NOT VOTING).** HCR 3037 was placed on the Tenth order on the calendar.