

1999 SENATE HUMAN SERVICES

SCR 4004

1999 SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE MINUTES

BILL/RESOLUTION NO. SCR4004

Senate Human Services Committee

Conference Committee

Hearing Date JANUARY 26, 1999

Tape Number	Side A	Side B	Meter #
1		X	1,531
Committee Clerk Signature <i>Barol Kolodejchuk</i>			

Minutes:

The hearing was opened on SCR4004.

PAUL KRAMER, Legislative Council, explained the Resolution. It is an incentive to rural communities to develop long term care facilities.

BARB FISCHER, Department of Human Services, supports resolution (written testimony) They do have an amendment recommendation. Line 13, page 1, basic care assistance recipients sounds like there is a fund. SENATOR DEMERS asked if we should include nursing and basic care?

Ms. FISCHER stated that there may be other incentives 2168 may not cover. Criteria has not been developed.

The hearing was closed on SCR4004.

After committee discussion SENATOR LEE moved a DO PASS. SENATOR FISCHER seconded it. Roll call vote carried 6-0. SENATOR KILZER will carry the bill.

Date: 4/26/99
Roll Call Vote #: _____

1999 SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE ROLL CALL VOTES
BILL/RESOLUTION NO. 4004

Senate HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE Committee

Subcommittee on _____
or
 Conference Committee

Legislative Council Amendment Number _____

Action Taken Do Pass

Motion Made By Sen Lee Seconded By Sen Fischer

Senators	Yes	No	Senators	Yes	No
Senator Thane	✓				
Senator Kilzer	✓				
Senator Fischer	✓				
Senator Lee	✓				
Senator DeMers	✓				
Senator Mutzenberger	✓				

Total 6 (yes) 0 (no)

Absent 0

Floor Assignment Sen Kilzer

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

REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE (410)
January 26, 1999 1:17 p.m.

Module No: SR-16-1217
Carrier: Kilzer
Insert LC: . Title: .

REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE

SCR 4004: Human Services Committee (Sen. Thane, Chairman) recommends **DO PASS**
(6 YEAS, 0 NAYS, 0 ABSENT AND NOT VOTING). SCR 4004 was placed on the
Eleventh order on the calendar.

1999 HOUSE HUMAN SERVICES

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1999 HOUSE STANDING COMMITTEE MINUTES

BILL/RESOLUTION NO. SCR 4004

House Human Services Committee

Conference Committee

Hearing Date February 9, 1999

Tape Number	Side A	Side B	Meter #
1	X		0.0 - 10.7
Committee Clerk Signature <i>Susan Lindteigen</i>			

Minutes:

Chairman Rep. CLARA SUE PRICE called the committee to order . Present were Reps. Clara Sue Price, Robin Weisz, William Devlin, Pat Galvin, Dale Henegar, Roxanne Jensen, Amy Kliniske, Chet Pollert, Todd Porter, Blair Thoreson, Bruce Eckre, Ralph Metcalf, Carol Niemeier, Wanda Rose, and Sally Sandvig.

BARBARA FISCHER, Manager, Long Term Care and Hospital Services, Department of Human Services, testified (Testimony attached).

SHELLY PETERSON, President, ND Long Term Care Association, testified (Testimony attached). Current statistics in North Dakota, we probably have about 96,000 people over the age of 65. In the year 2015, it is projected that we'll have about 166,000 people over the age of 65, plus a dwindling younger population to care for them. It is important that we have alternatives and options to help keep people at home for as long as possible.

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House Human Services Committee

Bill/Resolution Number SCR 4004

Hearing Date February 9, 1999

Rep. RALPH METCALF asked is it the intent to close facilities that are viable so that when we get to the year 2015 and have 166,000 people we have facilities without rebuilding? SHELLY PETERSON stated there is a group of facilities that are struggling financially. They hope they can down-size to meet the needs of their community, develop alternatives, and remain financially viable. The success in the future will be to stabilize the rural population and keep health care services in rural North Dakota.

OPPOSITION

None.

Hearing Closed.

Rep. TODD PORTER moved DO PASS.

Rep. AMY KLINISKE second the motion.

Committee Discussion.

ROLL CALL VOTE #1: 15 yeas, 0 nays, 0 absent

CARRIER: Rep. TODD PORTER

Date: 2-9-99
 Roll Call Vote #: 1

1999 HOUSE STANDING COMMITTEE ROLL CALL VOTES
 BILL/RESOLUTION NO. 4004

House Human Services Committee

Subcommittee on _____
 or
 Conference Committee

Legislative Council Amendment Number _____

Action Taken Do Pass

Motion Made By Todd Porter Seconded By Amy Kliniske

Representatives	Yes	No	Representatives	Yes	No
Clara Sue Price - Chairwoman	X		Bruce A. Eckre	X	
Robin Weisz - Vice Chairman	X		Ralph Metcalf	X	
William R. Devlin	X		Carol A. Niemeier	X	
Pat Galvin	X		Wanda Rose	X	
Dale L. Henegar	X		Sally M. Sandvig	X	
Roxanne Jensen	X				
Amy N. Kliniske	X				
Chet Pollert	X				
Todd Porter	X				
Blair Thoreson	X				

Total Yes 15 No 0
 Absent 0

Floor Assignment Todd Porter

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

REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE (410)
February 9, 1999 10:50 a.m.

Module No: HR-26-2309
Carrier: Porter
Insert LC: . Title: .

REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE

SCR 4004: Human Services Committee (Rep. Price, Chairman) recommends DO PASS and BE PLACED ON THE CONSENT CALENDAR (15 YEAS, 0 NAYS, 0 ABSENT AND NOT VOTING). SCR 4004 was placed on the Tenth order on the calendar.

1999 TESTIMONY
SCR 4004

Testimony on SCR 4004
Senate Human Services Committee
January 26, 1999

Chairman Thane and members of the Senate Human Services Committee, thank you for the opportunity to testify on SCR 4004. My name is Shelly Peterson, President of the North Dakota Long Term Care Association. I am here to testify on behalf of Association Members.

Over 100 year ago North Dakota build and supported their first nursing home. Today we have 88 nursing facilities, spread throughout North Dakota. In the past the standard of care was families cared for their aging relatives and when families couldn't provide care the nursing home was the main choice available. Today, older people and families are advocating for choice and options, delivered in a variety of care setting and we support this initiative.

Many nursing facilities have diversified into other services and we are helping seniors to prevent or postpone nursing facility care. As this development into care alternatives continues, it may be appropriate to downsize beds or close entire facilities. This could have a dramatic impact on any community and one which should be planned.

SCR 4004 will study what incentives and other forms of assistance could be made available to help facilities transition into other care models.

SB 2168, which creates a Health Care Trust Fund will significantly help facilities downsize and transition into other care models. SCR 4004 can help establish the incentive package that will assist rural and urban facilities to prepare for the future care needs of our aging population.

Your support of SCR 4004 is appreciated. Should you have any question I would be happy to answer them.

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**TESTIMONY BEFORE THE SENATE HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE
REGARDING SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION 4004**

JANUARY 26, 1999

Chairman Thane, members of the committee, I am Barbara Fischer, Manager for Long Term Care and Hospital Services with the Department of Human Services. I am here today in support of SCR4004 which provides for a study to create incentives to assist rural communities and nursing facilities who reduce capacity or close facilities.

The study resolution is a result of the Task Force on Long Term Care Planning's recommendation to the interim Budget Committee on Long Term Care.

Closure of a facility can have a dramatic effect on the entire community which could be likened to the community losing schools, hospitals, churches, or other local businesses. The Task Force recognized that assistance may be needed in a community, where a nursing facility closes or significantly reduces capacity, to ensure that the health care needs of citizens can still be met and to lessen the impact of loss of a facility.

Facilities in rural communities that are experiencing decreased occupancy and staffing problems usually lack the necessary resources to develop alternatives to nursing care. The Task Force feels that incentives and other forms of assistance should be available to enable and encourage facilities to transition towards providing alternative services to individuals who currently are served in nursing facilities.

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