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2001 HOUSE TRANSPORTATION

HCR 3029

2001 HOUSE STANDING COMMITTEE MINUTES

BILL/RESOLUTION NO. HCR 3029

House Transportation Committee

Conference Committee

Hearing Date February 16, 2001

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| Committee Clerk Signature <i>Laurie J. Zind</i> |        |        |         |

Minutes: Rep. Weisz - Chairman opened the hearing on HCR 3029; A concurrent resolution designating United States Highway 83 through the state of North Dakota as the "Veterans of Foreign Wars Memorial Highway".

Rep. Wentz: 3rd District - part of Ward county. This resolution is an expression of our respect and a show of appreciation for the sacrifices our service people have made on our behalf. HCR 3029 seeks to designate US Highway 83 from the US-Canadian border through our bordering states all the way to the Mexican border as the Veterans of Foreign Wars Memorial Highway. I introduced this resolution on behalf of some very special people and they are all here to make their case.

Rep. Thorpe: ( 4711 ) Isn't this highway designated as the 'Trade Corridor' or something like that and US 281 the 'Memorial Highway'?

Rep. Wentz: I think that is a process which a group of people are organized to bring that about.

Rep. Schmidt: ( 4768 ) Us 281 which runs has Memorial Highway on it but this would

specifically say 'Foreign Wars' and I think it would be good.

Robert Volk: I am State Commander of the Veterans of Foreign Wars of North Dakota. A copy of his prepared remarks is attached.

Rep. Jensen: ( 5383 ) Have any of the other states had any road blocks in this effort?

Robert Volk: No, they haven't.

Arnold Maier: I am from Bismarck and a Past District Commander of the VFW National Memorial. I rise in support of this naming US 83 the National Memorial highway -- fully support it.

John Jacobson: I am a retired Colonel and served over 30 years in the Army reserve in the North Dakota National Guard. A copy of his prepared testimony is attached.

TESTIMONY CONTINUES OF SIDE B

Bob Hanson: I am a member of the coordinating council and the States Commander of the AMVETS. I am here just to let you know that the other Veterans organization also support this resolution. Our Council is made up of the AMVETS, American Legion, in addition to those who had testified here today.

Rep. Weisz - Chairman ( 54 ) How many members of the armed services are represented by these veterans organizations?

Robert Volk: Right now it is a little less than 11,000.

OPPOSITION TESTIMONY -- ( 98 )

Tim Horner: I am Transportation Services Director for the NDDOT. We from the DOT are not speaking in opposition. I thought I would explain how a similar process has worked and how I think this would go. US Highway 281 was designated the American Legion Memorial Highway.

We responded to a request for signing and placing signs where they were requested and as we worked it out with them. We give a permit for that and they do the installation. We don't know how many signs there are on that highway because we don't keep an inventory. The sponsor is usually responsible for watching the quality of the sign. That how we would envision this would work.

Rep. Weisz - Chairman ( 178 ) That explains the lack of a fiscal note.

Tim Horner: Yes.

There being no opposition testimony on HCR 3029 the hearing was closed. ( 193 ).

Rep. Kelsch; ( 201 ) I move a 'Do Pass' for HCR 3029.

Rep. Mahoney: I second the motion.

Rep. Carlson: I was wondering why this is a resolution instead of a bill when it directs some thing.

Rep. Kelsch: This is because it is a designation -- an action that does not require the state to do anything except to consent as they are not doing anything-- the organizations are if it is to get done.

On a voice vote HCR 3029 carried unanimously. Chairman Weisz directed the it be placed on the consent calendar.

Rep Schmidt requested the honor of carry HCR 3029 on the floor as he is a long standing VFW member.

Ended ( 368 )

Date: 2-16-01  
Roll Call Vote #:

2001 HOUSE STANDING COMMITTEE ROLL CALL VOTES  
BILL/RESOLUTION NO. H.C.R. 3629

House Transportation Committee

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

*Voice Vote*

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

Action Taken Do Pass

Motion Made By Ku Seconded By mc

| Representatives              | Yes | No | Representatives | Yes | No |
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| Robin Weisz - Chairman       |     |    | Howard Grumbo   |     |    |
| Chet Pollert - Vice Chairman |     |    | John Mahoney    |     |    |
| Al Carlson                   |     |    | Arlo E. Schmidt |     |    |
| Mark A. Dosch                |     |    | Elwood Thorpe   |     |    |
| Kathy Hawken                 |     |    |                 |     |    |
| Roxanne Jensen               |     |    |                 |     |    |
| RaeAnn G. Kelsch             |     |    |                 |     |    |
| Clara Sue Price              |     |    |                 |     |    |
| Dan Ruby                     |     |    |                 |     |    |
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Absent \_\_\_\_\_

Floor Assignment Schmidt

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

*Concur*

REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE (410)  
February 16, 2001 12:46 p.m.

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**REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE**

**HCR 3029: Transportation Committee (Rep. Weisz, Chairman) recommends DO PASS and BE PLACED ON THE CONSENT CALENDAR (14 YEAS, 0 NAYS, 0 ABSENT AND NOT VOTING). HCR 3029 was placed on the Tenth order on the calendar.**

*Rob Weisz*

2001 SENATE TRANSPORTATION

HCR 3029



2001 SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE MINUTES

BILL/RESOLUTION NO. HCR 3029

Senate Transportation Committee

Conference Committee

Hearing Date 3-8-01

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Minutes: **HCR 3029** is a concurrent resolution designating United States Highway 83 through the state of North Dakota as the "Veterans of Foreign Wars Memorial Highway".

**Rep. Janet Wentz:** (District 3; Supports) I support this bill. It is an expression of regard and appreciation for the veterans. This is a cooperative effort being made by all states in which US Highway 83 runs through. From North Dakota to Texas. Some states have already done so.

**Senator Bercier:** (District 9; Supports) This is a national effort to have the entire US Highway 83 from Canada to Texas named the "Veterans of Foreign Wars Memorial Highway". Some states have already done this. It is only fitting and proper to allow this.

**Robert Volk:** (State Commander Veterans of Foreign Wars Department of ND; Supports) See attached testimony.

**Bob Hanson:**(NDVEC; Lobbyist #346; Supports) States that they unanimously endorse.

**John Jacobsen:** (NDVEC Legislative Committee; Lobbyist #341; Supports) There are no fiscal notes with this. There will be a total of six signs in North Dakota.

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Senate Transportation Committee  
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**Senator Stenchjem:** Will there be any in Bismarck?

**Rep. Wentz:** Yes, north of Bismarck. Also, Minot, Sterling, and on the ND and SD borders.

Hearing closed.

Senator Bercier motions to Do Pass. Seconded by Senator Trenbeath. Roll call taken. 6-0-0.

Floor carrier is Senator Bercier.

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Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Roll Call Vote #: 1

**2001 SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE ROLL CALL VOTES  
 BILL/RESOLUTION NO.**

*HCR 3029*

Senate Transportation Committee

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

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

Action Taken Do Pass

Motion Made By Bercier Seconded By Trenbeath

| Senators                      | Yes | No | Senators          | Yes | No |
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| Senator Stenejem, Chairman    | X   |    | Senator O'Connell | X   |    |
| Senator Trenbeath, Vice-Chair | X   |    | Senator Bercier   | X   |    |
| Senator Mutch                 | X   |    |                   |     |    |
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Floor Assignment Bercier

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**REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE (410)**  
March 8, 2001 11:52 a.m.

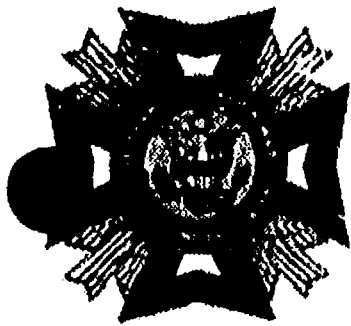
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**REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE**

**HCR 3029: Transportation Committee (Sen. Stenehjem, Chairman) recommends DO PASS (6 YEAS, 0 NAYS, 0 ABSENT AND NOT VOTING). HCR 3029 was placed on the Fourteenth order on the calendar.**

2001 TESTIMONY

HCR 3029



**VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS  
OF THE UNITED STATES  
DEPARTMENT OF NORTH DAKOTA**

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February 16, 2001

House Transportation Committee  
Representative Robin L. Weisz Chairman

Good Morning.

My name is Robert L. Volk from Harvey and I am State Commander Veterans Of Foreign Wars Department Of North Dakota.

I am here before you this morning to ask for favorable consideration of House Concurrent Resolution No. 3029 designating US Highway 83 through North Dakota as "VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS MEMORIAL HIGHWAY."

This resolution introduced by Representatives Wentz, Carlisle, Timm, Wrangham and Senators Bercier, Schobinger gives many good reasons for this designation.

US Highway 83 extends from the Canadian border in North Dakota to the Mexican border in Texas.

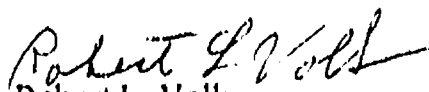
Nebraska has taken the lead and dedicated US 83 on Veterans Day 2000. Oklahoma has just passed it and will dedicate in April this year. In Kansas it is in the Legislature now and has the support of the Governor. South Dakota and Texas are working on it and I am sure will get it done soon.

It should be noted that US Highway 281 from North Dakota to Texas was named as American Legion Memorial Highway on March 30, 1960.

It would be a lasting Honor for North Dakota Veterans both living and deceased who gave so much for our State and Country to have this designation.

As State Commander Veterans Of Foreign Wars Department Of North Dakota a Veterans Organization that was 100 years old in 1999, that is made up of Veterans who served overseas in War time I fully indorse House Concurrent Resolution No. 3029.

Sincerely:

  
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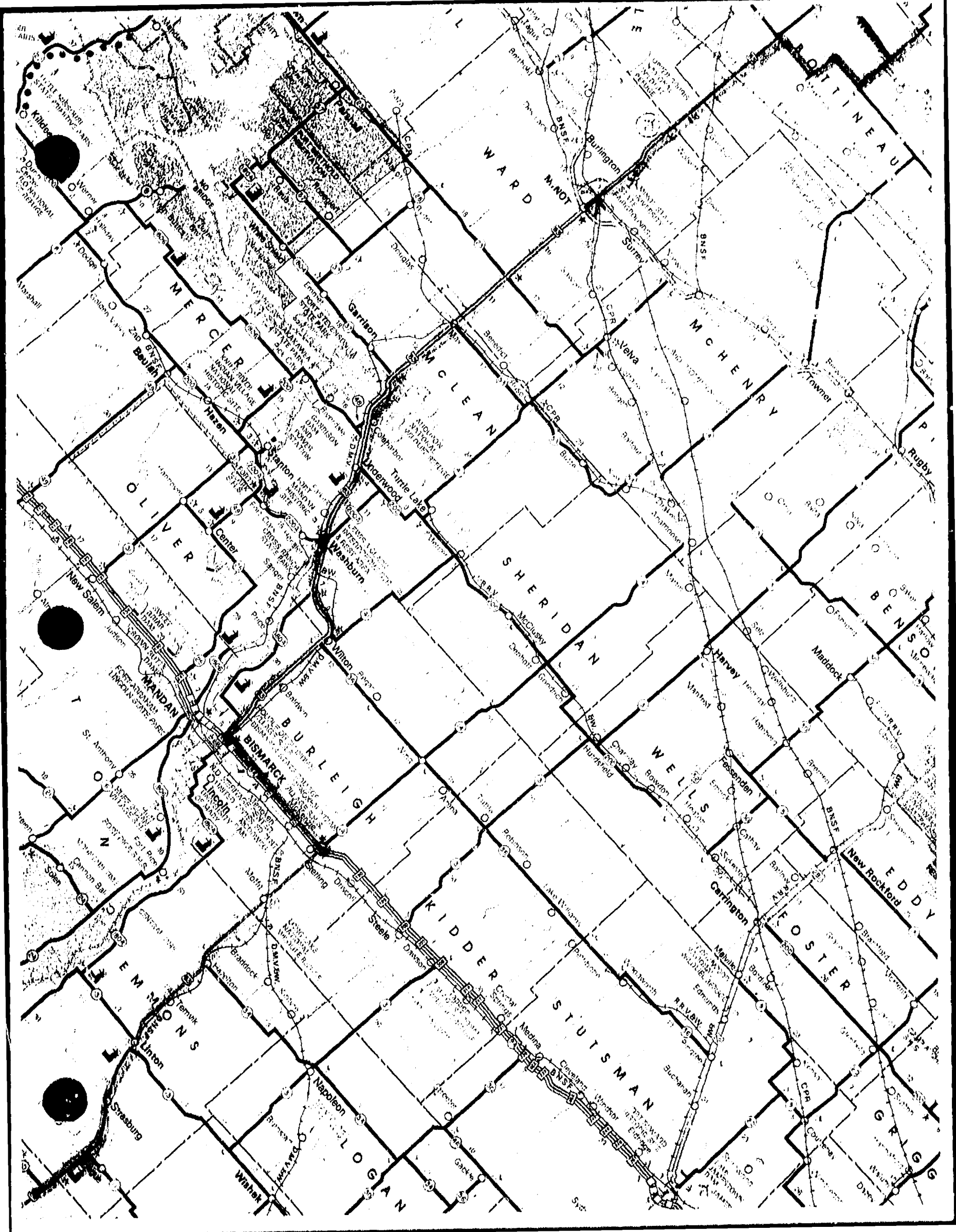
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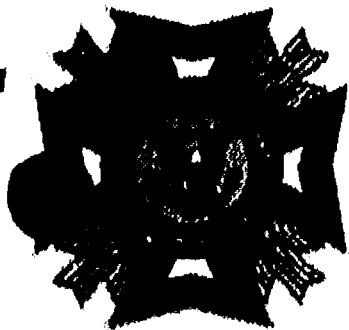
Veterans of Foreign Wars Memorial sign, one of the signs dedicated November 11 that will now appear along Highway 83 from South Dakota border to Kansas border.



Governor Johanns signs the proclamation for dedication of Highway 83 as Veterans of Foreign Wars memorial highway. (L to R) State Director of Veterans Affairs Keith Fickenscher, Past VFW State Commander Tony Gallardo, VFW State Commander Gary Steckelberg, VFW State Adjutant and QM Dwayne Wilson and Governor Johanns.







**VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS  
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March 15, 2001

Senate Transportation Committee

Bob Stenehjem-Chairman  
Tom Trenbeath-Vice Chairman  
Duaine Espgaard

Duane Mutch  
Dennis Bercier  
David O'Connel

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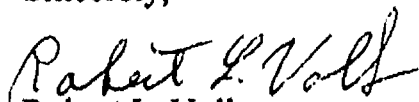
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