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2001 HOUSE AGRICULTURE

HCR 3041

2001 HOUSE STANDING COMMITTEE MINUTES

BILL/RESOLUTION NO. HCR 3041

House Agriculture Committee

Conference Committee

Hearing Date 2--16--01

Tape Number	Side A	Side B	Meter #
TWO	A		1721 TO 2086
THREE			881 TO 1328
Committee Clerk Signature <i>Edward D. Clayton</i>			

Minutes:

1A: 1721 VICE CHAIRMAN JOHNSON: We will open the hearing on HCR 3041

REPRESENTATIVE LEMIEUX: This resolution is regarding pricing structures within the Agr. sector giving particular attention to wheat prices. The resolution would urge Congress to hold hearings regarding pricing structures and practices within the agricultural sector. Please see attached copy of HCR NO 3041.. The farmers share of the food dollars continue to decline. and if we look at the corporate profits of the people handling our grain, processing our grain, there profits continue to increase dramatically. As we look at rural America, the agriculture producers out there. we seem not to have a way to grasp it. We are just asking the department of justice to look and see is there collusion. Are you using your powers as monopolies. To twist the markets so you can have control. Some of feel that we are being forced out of Agr. production. Most of us run our farms as businesses. We can not compete. We have no control over the price.

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1A:2085 CHAIRMAN JOHNSON: Are there others to offer testimony on this HCR3041 FOR OR AGAINST. WE WILL CLOSE THE HEARING ON HCR 3041

VICE CHAIRMAN JOHNSON: Committee Members we will reopen the hearing on HCR 3041. Representative Lemieux is the prime sponsor of this resolution. REPRESENTATIVE LLOYD I guess Mr. Chairman our big issue is access and not pricing. I think pricing is the right of any individual who ever sells a product no matter what. The consumer justifies where that product is priced accordingly. Access with regard to being able cross boundaries of countries in order to obtain that the price of that country and bring it back your country should be something that we should consider. I think that is the issue. Where it is priced accordingly is totally different and if we can buy it in a country cheaper then we can here, the same product that is fine then we go buy and then the seller will adjust there product if it is not being purchased. That is my concept on pricing,

REPRESENTATIVE LEMIEUX: If I may, HCR 3041 is again asking congress and the Department of Justice to look into the many allegations that we in agriculture have thrown out. We feel that our markets are manipulated by very small group of people and we have talked about that specifically. We specifically want the Department of Justice to look into this,

VICE CHAIRMAN JOHNSON: I MOVE FOR A DO PASS ON 3041.

Representative Mueller made a motion for a DO PASS AND IT WAS SECONDED BY REPRESENTATIVE BERG. THE ROLL CALL WAS ""13 YES, 0 NO, 2 ABSENT REPRESENTATIVE BRANDENBURG WILL CARRY THE BILL.

1A:1328 VICE CHAIRMAN JOHNSON CLOSED THE HEARING ON HCR

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Date:
Roll Call Vote #:

2001 HOUSE STANDING COMMITTEE ROLL CALL VOTES
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House AGRICULTURE Committee

Subcommittee on _____
or
 Conference Committee

Legislative Council Amendment Number _____

Action Taken DO PASS

Motion Made By Mueller Seconded By Berg

Representatives	Yes	No	Representatives	Yes	No
Eugene Nicholas, Chairman			Rod Froelich	✓	
Dennis E. Johnson - Vice Chairman	✓		Doug Lemieux	✓	
Rick Berg	✓		Philip Mueller	✓	
Michael Brandenburg	✓		Kenton Onstad	✓	
Joyce Kingsbury	✓		Sally M. Slandvig	✓	
Myron Koppang	✓		Dennis J. Renner	✓	
Edward H. Lloyd	✓		Dwight Wrangham		
Bill Pietsch	✓				

Total (Yes) _____ No _____

Absent 13

Floor Assignment 2

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

REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE (410)
February 16, 2001 2:31 p.m.

Module No: HR-29-3723
Carrier: Brandenburg
Insert LC: . Title: .

REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE

HCR 3041: Agriculture Committee (Rep. Nicholas, Chairman) recommends DO PASS
(13 YEAS, 0 NAYS, 2 ABSENT AND NOT VOTING). HCR 3041 was placed on the
Eleventh order on the calendar.

2001 SENATE AGRICULTURE

HCR 3041


2001 SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE MINUTES

BILL/RESOLUTION NO. HCR 3041

Senate Agriculture Committee

Conference Committee

Hearing Date March 22, 2001

Tape Number	Side A	Side B	Meter #
March 22 1	X		0,0 - 6,8
		X	49,0 - End
March 22 2	X		0,0 - 3,2
Committee Clerk Signature 			

Minutes:

REP. LEMIEUX; Sponsor, introduced the bill to the committee. This is an attempt to get people in the United States government to look at the pricing structures and practices that we in production agriculture face.

SENATOR WANZEK; Do you feel that because of the consolidation there is some manipulation of the competitive and free?

REP. LEMIEUX; When we look at for example, the livestock industry and the concentrations there of and total alignment from the captive supply and not seeing a lot of information out here and not having competitive bidding for the livestock. If there is we should investigate. The federal government has done a disservice by not keeping in check.

SENATOR WANZEK; Are you targeting the future of commodity markets too?

REP. LEMIEUX; I don't think the future is in commodities, I think those are the few that are still open.

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The hearing was closed.

Discussion was held.

SENATOR KLEIN moved for a DO NOT PASS.

SENATOR URLACHER seconded the motion.

Roll call vote: 4 Yeas, 2 No, and 0 Absent and Not voting.

SENATOR WANZEK will carry the bill.

REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE (410)
March 22, 2001 1:16 p.m.

Module No: SR-50-6411
Carrier: Wanzek
Insert LC: . Title: .

REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE

HCR 3041: Agriculture Committee (Sen. Wanzek, Chairman) recommends DO NOT PASS
(4 YEAS, 2 NAYS, 0 ABSENT AND NOT VOTING). HCR 3041 was placed on the
Fourteenth order on the calendar.