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2003 HOUSE STANDING COMMITTEE MINUTES

BILL/RESOLUTION NO. HCR 3018

House Transportation Committee

Conference Committee

Hearing Date January 24, 2003

Tape Number	Side A	Side B	Meter #
1	x		16.8 to 30.5
1		x	26.7 to 30.1
Committee Clerk Signature <i>Lauren L. Fink</i>			

Minutes:

Rep. Weisz, Chairman opened the hearing on HCR 3018, a concurrent resolution directing the Legislative Council to study the impact of high-volume grain terminals on local highway systems and possible methods of mitigating the impact.

Rep. Headland representing District 29 which includes rural Stutsman, part of LaMoure, part of Eddy, and Foster Counties. As a farmer I have witnessed what has happened in the grain industry with the abandonment of some of the smaller town elevators--- grain is being trucked further and hauled into these large terminals. A lot of this is due to the favorable rates these terminals can get in quantities -- an economy of scale sort of thing. In turn this is having an effect on the roads leading to these facilities --- not all on good roads leading to them. I am submitting this resolution on behalf of the Department of Transportation. DOT people are here to testify on this resolution and to answer your questions. I do support the study and urge a favorable 'do pass' on this.

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Grant Levi, Deputy Director for Engineering testified for the resolution. A copy of his written testimony is attached.

Rep. Weisz, Chairman (20.5) I assume that the study is broad enough to include the township and county roads --?

Grant Levi Yes, it would.

Rep. Ruby: Don't you have traffic counts on these roads so that you can asses the damage?

Grant Levi Yes DOT does have traffic counts and their planning process but the big advantage we see in a study such as this we can present that information when you bring in Industry to work together to find the solutions.

Keith Stregge: I represent the North Dakota Grain Dealers and we support this study.

Wade Williams: I am with the Association of Counties. We look forward to this study. The railroad industry is changing and the pressure on our county roads systems is increasing. This is not a negative against the railroads. May of our roads and especially the township roads were built at a time when the loads were typically in the range of 68 -73,000 pounds as compared to today's loads of up to 105,500 pounds. We have some representatives and county commissioners from Steele County who will testify as to what is happening in these counties. There are questions of funding and funding sources to be considered.

Jane Amundson: I am a Steele County Commissioner. Her written testimony is attached. She appeared in support of HCR 3018. Her testimony also illustrated the locations of grain terminals in relation to the county road system.

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Oliver West: Steele County appeared in support of HCR 3018. He represented the Township Officers Association. He appeared in support of HCR 3018.

Brian Kemmet: The North Dakota Farm Bureau supports HCR 3018.

(27.1) There being no further testimony for or against HCR 3018, Rep. Weisz, Chairman closed hearing.

Tape 1 Side b Discussion and committee action (26.7)

Rep. Thorpe: Moved a 'Do Pass and place on the consent calendar' motion. Rep. Delmore: Seconded the motion. **Motion carried 11 Ayes 0 Nays 2 Absent and not voting.**

Rep. Thorpe was designated to carry HCR 3018 on the floor.

End (30.1)

Date: 1
Roll Call Vote #: _____

2003 HOUSE STANDING COMMITTEE ROLL CALL VOTES
BILL/RESOLUTION NO. HCR-3018

House TRANSPORTATION Committee

Check here for Conference Committee

Legislative Council Amendment Number 33043.0100

Action Taken Do Pass and place on the Consent Calendar

Motion Made By Rep. Thorpe Seconded By Rep. Delmore

Representatives	Yes	No	Representatives	Yes	No
Robin Weisz - Chairman			Lois Delmore		
Kathy Hawken - Vice Chairman			Arlo E. Schmidt		
LaRoy G. Bernstein			Elwood Thorpe		
Mark A. Dosch			Steven L. Zaiser		
Pat Galvin					
Craig Headland					
Clara Sue Price					
Dan J. Ruby					
Dave Weiler					

Total Yes 11 *voice vote* No 0

Absent 2

Floor Assignment Rep. Thorpe

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

REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE (410)
January 24, 2003 12:22 p.m.

Module No: HR-14-1048
Carrier: Thorpe
Insert LC: . Title: .

REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE
HCR 3018: Transportation Committee (Rep. Welsz, Chairman) recommends **DO PASS**
and **BE PLACED ON THE CONSENT CALENDAR** (11 YEAS, 0 NAYS, 2 ABSENT
AND NOT VOTING). HCR 3018 was placed on the Tenth order on the calendar.

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2003 SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE MINUTES

BILL/RESOLUTION NO. HCR 3018

Senate Transportation Committee

Conference Committee

Hearing Date 3-06-03

Tape Number	Side A	Side B	Meter #
1		X	2330-3300

Committee Clerk Signature *Mary K. Monson*

Minutes:

Chairman Senator Thomas Trenbeath opened the hearing on HCR 3018, a concurrent resolution to study the impact of high-volume grain terminals on local highway systems and possible methods of mitigating the impact.

Representative Craig Headland (District 29) Introduced HCR 3018.

Senator Espegard asked if the large grain loading facility is located on a main road.

Representative Headland replied that it was a county gravel road.

Steve Strege (ND Grain Dealers Association) Supports HCR 3018. A number of high speed loading facilities have gone up in ND in the past five years and more are expected. The railroads have been advocating and encouraging. The concentration of grain in these areas is severe.

Senator Espegard asked if there is any indication that the trucks are running over the limit allowed on the road.

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Steve Strege answered there is no indication that there is any more at these locations than anywhere else.

Wade Williams (ND Association of Counties) The Association of Counties support HCR 3018.

Steele County is seeing increased traffic at these terminals.

Senator Espgaard asked what the study was expected to produce.

Wade Williams said that he would imagine the study would come to some evaluation of the road design leading to the terminals, how they were designed and for what weight.

Francis Ziegler (Director of Project Development, DOT) See attached testimony in support of HCR 3018.

Paul Thomas (ND Ag Coalition) The ND Ag Coalition supports HCR 3018. They have seen increased traffic going to these main terminals and have seen the roads break up quicker. They would like to see a study of this and see the effect and see how the DOT can prepare for that.

The hearing on HCR 3018 was closed.

Senator Nething moved a **Do Pass**. Seconded by **Senator Taylor**. Roll call vote 5-0-1.

Passed. Floor carrier is **Senator Taylor**.

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REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE (410)
March 6, 2003 11:49 a.m.

Module No: SR-40-4081
Carrier: Taylor
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REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE
HCR 3018: Transportation Committee (Sen. Trenbeath, Chairman) recommends DO
PASS (5 YEAS, 0 NAYS, 1 ABSENT AND NOT VOTING). HCR 3018 was placed on
the Fourteenth order on the calendar.

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HOUSE TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE

January 24, 2003

**North Dakota Department of Transportation
Grant Levi, Deputy Director for Engineering**

HCR 3018

The North Dakota Department of Transportation supports HCR 3018 which directs the Legislative Council to study the impact of high-volume grain terminals on local highway systems, as well as possible methods of mitigating the impact.

The department supports this bill because such a study would help us and others plan how to use available transportation resources most effectively. It would help us determine the performance expectations of the industry, develop a better investment strategy for projects in the area, and comment on the location of future facilities.

The statewide strategic transportation plan (TransAction) strongly supports the study directed by this bill. A number of TransAction's initiatives deal with transportation trends and opportunities, freight origins and destinations, and protecting the state's transportation infrastructure while encouraging economic development.

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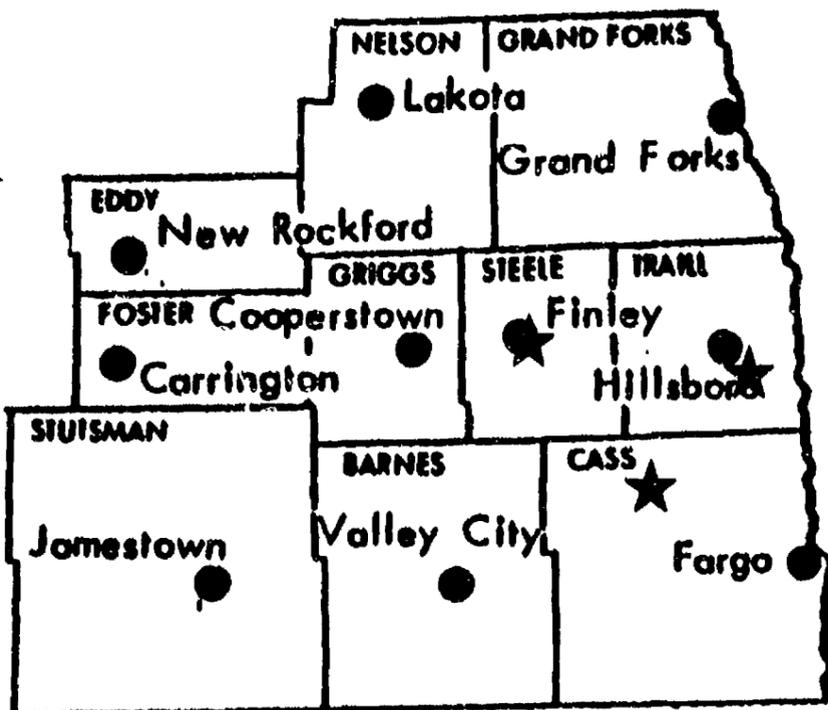
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TESTIMONY FROM STEELE COUNTY COMMISSION

- Estimated 18 shuttle loading stations operational now or within the immediate future. The original estimates were for 10 statewide.
- Our small county, with a limited and shrinking tax base, is starting to see a big increase in truck traffic from all directions. The normal grain trade area radius has been expanded with the addition of these shuttles. We are concerned for our county roads. The state roads were made for heavier traffic, but we feel soon the state will also see the effects of increased truck traffic.
- To give you an idea, the shuttles are 110 cars, averaging 3750 bushels per car with the heavy rail and 3330 with light rail. A conservative estimate is 4 - 5 semi trucks will fill one car. The bushels needed for a shuttle expands the normal trade area. Our concern is the impact of the increased truck traffic on our county infrastructure.
- Our county infrastructure is currently affected by three existing terminals. (Alton Grain in Hillsboro, Finley Farmers Grain in Finley, and Ayr Terminal in Ayr.) We've seen increased traffic along our county roads 1, 5, 6, 11, 16, 23, and 25.
- We are asking for your support on this resolution directing the Legislative Council to study this impact and financial ramifications to counties.



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SENATE TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE
March 6, 2003

North Dakota Department of Transportation
Francis Ziegler, Director of Project Development

HCR 3018

Good Morning, Mr. Chairman and members of the committee. I'm Francis Ziegler, Director of Project Development for the North Dakota Department of Transportation. I'm testifying on behalf of the North Dakota Department of Transportation in support of HCR 3018, which directs the Legislative Council to study the impact of high-volume grain terminals on local highway systems, as well as possible methods of mitigating the impact.

The Department supports this bill because such a study would help us and others to plan how to use available transportation resources most effectively. It would help us determine the performance expectations of the industry, develop a better investment strategy for projects in the area, and document on the location of future facilities.

The statewide Strategic transportation Plan (TransAction) strongly supports the study directed by this bill. A number of TransAction's initiative deal with transportation trends and opportunities, freight origins and destinations, and protecting the state's transportation infrastructure while encouraging economic development.

Mr. Chairman, that concludes my testimony. I would be happy to answer any questions the committee may have.

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