

2009 HOUSE INDUSTRY, BUSINESS AND LABOR

HCR 3025

## 2009 HOUSE STANDING COMMITTEE MINUTES


Bill/Resolution No. 3025

### House Industry, Business and Labor Committee

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Hearing Date: February 4, 2009

Recorder Job Number: 8644

Committee Clerk Signature 

**Chairman Keiser: Opened the hearing on HRC 3025 recognizing the Red River Valley Research Corridor and its accomplishments.**

Ed Gruchalla ~ Representative from District 45. This resolution is to recognize the contribution that the Red River Research Corridor initiative has had since 2002. This has created an economic impact that has produced \$759 million in economic activity, 10,000 jobs and attracted new businesses to the state.

Chairman Keiser: Closes the hearing. What are the wishes of the committee?

Representative Boe: Motions a Do Pass for the consent calendar.

Representative Clark: Second.

Chairman Keiser: I'm really torn, I concur with everything that is said here but I just hate to see resolutions for someone doing their job.

Vice Chairman Kasper: I have concerns about the bill before it came down here. What we are doing is singling out one of our three delegations, through a senator's efforts; I believe it's through many people's efforts.

Lee Myxter ~ Representative from District 27. I wanted to express our thanks to Senator Dorgan for his efforts in the Red River Valley to bring in money into the valley and we appreciate what he has done.

**Vice Chairman Kasper:** The way I read the resolution is that Senator Dorgan did everything except walk on water for this research corridor and living in Fargo, there was a whole lot more involved in the initial startup including the rest of our delegation, our governor and a whole of other people. Why are we singling out Senator Dorgan?

**Myxter:** I'm fully aware that he didn't do everything by himself; it's just to reorganization of his contribution.

**Vice Chairman Kasper:** The way I read the resolution, he did everything. He created the jobs, research corridor, and brought the money in because of his. I don't agree with that. I agree he had a big part of it. Did you not consider adding a few more people who had role in this?

**Myxter:** The specific purpose of this way to honor Senator Dorgan. I don't think the intention was to single himself out.

**Vice Chairman Kasper:** Although I respect Senator Dorgan's contribution, I think this singles him out and if we would consider more people in this resolution I would support it, but based upon how it reads right now, I can't.

**Chairman Keiser:** If there is one no vote, it does not go on the consent calendar.

**Voting roll call was taken on HRC 3025 for a Do Pass with 10 yea's, 2 nay's, 1 absent and Representative Boe is the carrier.**

Date: Feb 4 - 2009  
Roll Call Vote # 1

2009 HOUSE STANDING COMMITTEE ROLL CALL VOTES

BILL/RESOLUTION NO. 3025

House House, Business & Labor Committee

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

Action Taken  Do Pass  Do Not Pass  As Amended

Motion Made By Boe Seconded By Clark

Representatives	Yes	No	Representatives	Yes	No
Chairman Keiser	✓		Representative Amerman	✓	
Vice Chairman Kasper		✓	Representative Boe	✓	
Representative Clark	✓		Representative Gruchalla	✓	
Representative N Johnson	✓		Representative Schneider	✓	
Representative Nottestad	✓		Representative Thorpe		
Representative Ruby		✓			
Representative Sukut	✓				
Representative Vigesaa	✓				

Total (Yes) 10 No 2

Absent 1

Floor Assignment Boe

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

**REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE**

**HCR 3025: Industry, Business and Labor Committee (Rep. Keiser, Chairman)**  
recommends **DO PASS** (10 YEAS, 2 NAYS, 1 ABSENT AND NOT VOTING).  
HCR 3025 was placed on the Eleventh order on the calendar.

2009 SENATE EDUCATION

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# 2009 SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE MINUTES

Bill/Resolution No. 3025

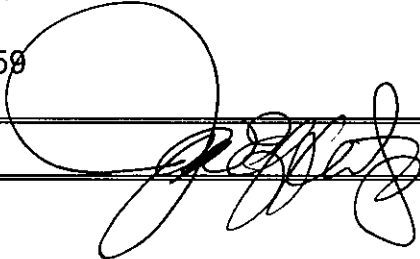
Senate Education Committee

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Hearing Date: March 18, 2009

Recorder Job Number: 11159

Committee Clerk Signature



Minutes:

Chairman Freborg opened the hearing on HCR 3025. All members were present.

Representative Myxter testified in favor of the bill. See written testimony.

Representative Gruchalla testified in favor of the bill. He has lived in Fargo since 1989 and has watched the tech sector of NDSU grow. Senator Dorgan has done a great job of bringing in dollars.

Chairman Freborg closed the hearing on HCR 3025.

Senator Freborg said the committee will hold the resolution until next week.

## 2009 SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE MINUTES

Bill/Resolution No. 3025

Senate Education Committee

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Hearing Date: April 1, 2009

Recorder Job Number: 11612

Committee Clerk Signature
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Minutes:

Chairman Freborg opened the discussion on HCR 3025.

Senator Bakke moved a Do Pass on HCR 3025, seconded by Senator Taylor.

The motion passed 5 – 0. Senator Taylor will carry the resolution.



Date: 4/1/09  
Roll Call Vote #: 1

2009 SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE ROLL CALL VOTES  
BILL/RESOLUTION NO. 3025

Senate Education Committee

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

Action Taken Do Pass

Motion Made By Sen. Bakke Seconded By Sen. Taylor

Senators	Yes	No	Senators	Yes	No
Senator Freborg	✓		Senator Taylor	✓	
Senator Gary Lee	✓		Senator Bakke	✓	
Senator Flakoll	✓				

Total (Yes) 5 No 0

Absent 0

Floor Assignment Sen. Taylor

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

**REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE (410)**  
April 1, 2009 4:18 p.m.

**Module No: SR-55-5920**  
**Carrier: Taylor**  
**Insert LC: . Title: .**

**REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE**

**HCR 3025: Education Committee (Sen. Freborg, Chairman) recommends DO PASS**  
(5 YEAS, 0 NAYS, 0 ABSENT AND NOT VOTING). HCR 3025 was placed on the  
Fourteenth order on the calendar.

2009 TESTIMONY

HCR 3025

## HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION 3025

March 18, 2009

“Good morning Mr. Chairman and members of the Education Committee.” My name is Lee Myxter. I am a representative of District 27 which includes parts of southern Fargo, western Fargo and eastern West Fargo.

I am here this morning to ask for your support of HCR 3025. This resolution asks the legislature to recognize the accomplishments of Senator Byron Dorgan, North Dakota State University, the University of North Dakota and the Red River Valley Research Corridor.

In early 2002 Senator Dorgan convened a meeting with the Presidents of North Dakota’s state universities and colleges to propose a bold new program to draw millions of federal research dollars to North Dakota. He envisioned UND and NDSU anchoring the research corridor and then reaching out to the rest of the state’s colleges.

This first step stimulated a cycle of Federal research and economic development that has helped develop the state’s major universities into world class research institutions.

The Red River Valley Research corridor, through Senator Dorgan and his position on the Senate Appropriations Committee, has received more than \$500 million in funding.

These investments have helped to create national centers of research and education in areas such as hydrogen, nanoscience technology, computing, energy technology and many others.

These investments have produced over \$750 million in economic activity in the state and have attracted new businesses and created more than 10,000 jobs. I have attached a list of Science and Growth Companies presently involved with the corridor

The Red River Valley Research Corridor has helped North Dakota become the fastest growing state per capita in federal research and development.

I am asking for your support of this resolution to commend Senator Dorgan and the research institutions involved in the Red River Valley Research Corridor.



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**Regional Science and Technology Growth Companies**

Make no mistake about it - the Red River Valley Corridor and North Dakota is a great place to grow a company.

Others have done it and you can too. Most were grown here, others are transplants. Here's a few examples of some our most successful science and technology-based companies.

**Aatrix Software** (Grand Forks, ND) - Aatrix Software designs and distributes accounting, payroll, and forms management software for small and medium-sized enterprises.

**Agri ImagiS** (Maddock, ND) - Agri ImagiS provides Landsat 7 Imagery over the internet. They can provide multiple date coverage and allow the ability to download imagery instantly, with satellite passes every 16 days. Data is geo-referenced and compatible with ESRI formats.

**AgSCO, Inc.** (Grand Forks, ND) - A leader in the agricultural industry, AGSCO serves as a retailer and distributor to growers primarily in the Midwest. Innovating the highest quality products, equipment, and services available has enabled AGSCO to continue to lead the industry while providing the tools for their customers to be more profitable and environmentally safe and responsible.

**Aldevron** (Fargo, ND) - Aldevron is a biotechnology company focused primarily on the large-scale production of plasmid-DNA used by DNA-Vaccine and gene-therapy researchers. Products and services include contract plasmid manufacturing, genetic immunization and antibody production, and a complete line of gene therapy plasmids.

**Alien Technology** (Fargo, ND) - Alien Technology is a leading producer of Radio Frequency Identification (RFID) products. RFID is useful in a variety of applications including logistics operations, national security, and anti-counterfeiting. Alien Technology has developed, and holds exclusive patent rights to, a manufacturing technology that will dramatically reduce the manufacturing cost of many kinds of important electronic products.

**Arrow-Tech, Inc.** (Rolla, ND) - Arrow-Tech Inc. is the only manufacturer of the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) designed high quality direct reading Radiation (pocket) Dosimeter in the world - used in nuclear, biological and chemical detection.

**Appareo Systems** (Fargo, ND) - Appareo Systems, LLC, is positioning itself to become the world leader in the emerging field of augmented reality. It will capitalize on the ever increasing capabilities, and decreasing costs, of mobile electronic components and systems in order to create a new generation of consumer and commercial products in this field.

**Bobcat Company** (West Fargo, ND) - Based in North Dakota, Bobcat Company manufactures skid-steer loaders, compact track loaders, compact hydraulic excavators, telescopic tool carriers and more than 50 types of job-matched attachments at plants in Gwinner and Bismarck, N.D., Grove City and Erskine, Minn., and Pontchâteau, France. Bobcat Company is a unit of Ingersoll-Rand Company, Woodcliff Lake, N.J..

**Cirrus Design** (Grand Forks, ND) - Cirrus is the world's largest manufacturer of single-engine, piston-powered aircraft, and the SR22 is the industry's best selling model. The SR20, with composite construction and advanced aerodynamics, incorporates flat-panel, multi-function display technology and state-of-the-art safety innovations, including a final level of safety known as the Cirrus Airframe Parachute System (CAPS).

**Clinical Supplies Management** (Fargo, ND) - CSM™ is a full service Clinical Research Pharmacy committed to advancing clinical trials by providing supplies services plus innovative patient compliance/retention systems geared to meet the needs of the biotech/pharmaceutical industries.

**Dakota Technologies** (Fargo, ND) - Dakota Technologies, Inc. (DTI) is a research and analytical instrumentation company, focused on real-time chemical sensing. Dakota Technologies, Inc. is developing technology that rapidly characterizes and analyzes biological samples, chemical mixtures, environmental media (soil, water, and air), and industrial processes by using patented, highly sensitive, and reliable laser induced fluorescence (LIF) technology.

**DakTech Computers** (Fargo, ND) - DakTech assembles and markets computers, peripherals and parts. DakTech was founded in April 1990 by veterans of one of the world's largest computer manufacturers.

**Feed Management Systems** (Fargo, ND) - Feed Management Systems, Inc. (FMS) is an award-winning software solutions company that links critical information between feed manufacturers and their suppliers and customers.

**Global Electric Motorcar** (Fargo, ND) - Global Electric Motorcars is recognized as the leader in the manufacturing of Low Speed Neighborhood Electric Vehicles in the world. GEM has produced

more than 26,000 vehicles since its beginning in 1998. On December 1st, 2000, Global Electric Motorcars, LLC was acquired by DaimlerChrysler and became a wholly owned subsidiary of that corporation.

**Imation** (Whapeton, ND) - Imation is a leading developer, manufacturer and supplier of magnetic and optical removable data storage media products. With more than 300 scientists and 330 data storage-related patents in the United States, Imation continues to pioneer today's proven magnetic and optical media technologies.

**Killdeer Mountain Manufacturing, Inc.** (Killdeer, ND) - Killdeer Mountain Manufacturing is an ISO 9001-2000 with AS9100A registered contract manufacturer. KMM is focused on competitive pricing for high-reliability assemblies, low- to medium-volume production rates, and full-range testing at the subassembly level. Typical orders include circuit card assemblies, cable and harness assemblies, and ground test support equipment.

**Meridian Environmental Technology, Inc.** (Grand Forks, ND) - A leader in providing highly customized, site-specific weather forecasting and analysis services via state of the art Internet, wireless and cellular technologies. Meridian offers a range of customer-specific environmental and operational forecasting products and services, based on field-tested, proprietary computer algorithms.

**Microbeam Technologies, Inc.** (Grand Forks, ND) - MTI offers a wide range of inorganic analysis services that are focused on solving problems for the coal-fired industry and addressing materials issues for other industries. MTI's performs service analysis for clients using specialized scanning electron microscopy and microprobe analysis, x-ray diffraction, x-ray fluorescence, and chemical fractionation.

**Microlap Technologies, Inc.** (Rolla, ND) - Microlap Technologies, Inc., produces ruby and sapphire components, related to the jewel bearing industry, of all sizes and shapes in order to supply high technology needs. Positioned as a domestic manufacturer equipped to manufacture from raw material state to a finished product, utilizing ruby, sapphire, carbide, ceramic or other hard composition materials.

**Microsoft Business Solutions** (Fargo, ND) - Comprising the operations of Microsoft Great Plains of Fargo, Denmark-based Navision, and Microsoft bCentral, the division offers software for accounting, customer relationship management, supply chain management, analytics and reporting, e-commerce, business portals and online business services, human resources, manufacturing and retail management, field services management, and project management.

**Neuropsychiatric Research Institute** (Fargo, ND) - NRI conducts and supports clinical research to develop creative, innovative approaches to the care of patients with diseases of the brain. The Institute funds and manages projects which draw together scientists from the University of North Dakota and North Dakota State University with physicians practicing in the Red River Valley.

**Orion Integrated Biosciences** (Fargo, ND) - Orion Integrated Biosciences is developing a portfolio of collaborations with US National Laboratories and European Research Institutes to develop genomic and proteomic experimental approaches to identify and validate drug targets and diagnostic marker candidates for relevant biological processes. The company is developing molecular biology discovery tools to re-annotate genes and dissect pathways. Current research includes: malaria infection pathways discovery, RNA interference, transcriptional genomic exploration, and detection of viral diseases

**Packet Digital** (Fargo, ND) - Packet Digital Corporation designs, develops, manufactures, and markets power management solutions and products that enable higher system performance, miniaturization and integration for consumer electronics and computing applications.

**Pedigree Technologies** (Fargo, ND) - Pedigree Technologies specializes in creating end to end solution based wireless sensor network systems.

**Phoenix International** (Fargo, ND) - Phoenix International® is a leader in the design and manufacture of custom, integrated electronic solutions for Original Equipment Manufacturers. Since their inception in 1987, they have developed highly ruggedized electronic components and systems for industries that rely on their equipment to function under the most adverse conditions—industries such as on-highway, agriculture, heavy construction, industrial control, material handling and more.

**Pracs Institute** (Fargo, ND and East Grand Forks, MN) - Pracs Institute is a full-service contract research operation which offers clinical, bioanalytical, and statistical research services for the pharmaceutical industry. PRACS has addressed industry growth demands by accommodating both in-house and ambulatory clinical studies, expansion of bioanalytical services, establishing in-house clinical laboratory services, broadening our statistical and medical writing services and expanding information technology support services.

**Praxis Strategy Group, Inc.** (Grand Forks, ND) - Praxis Strategy Group is a community and enterprise development company that is nationally recognized for working with entrepreneurs, economic development organizations, and technology research groups to create enterprise opportunities in technology and information industries.

**SEO Precision, Inc.** (Crosby, ND) - SEO Precision designs, manufactures and markets precision fast-steering mirrors. These are servo-driven, motorized mirrors primarily used for stabilization, guidance and orientation of laser beam technology. The company is currently focusing on a proprietary design for a magnetically levitated suspension system that will eventually replace flexure suspensions, and provide a lightweight, efficient package for beam steering.

**Technology Applications Group, Inc. (Grand Forks, ND) - Technology Applications Group, Inc.**

(TAG) is the inventor of the Tagnite Coating System for magnesium alloys. Tagnite is the most corrosion and abrasion resistant coating available for magnesium alloys. Tagnite is more than 20 times more corrosion resistant than any other magnesium coatings used by the aerospace and defense industry.

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