

2009 SENATE INDUSTRY, BUSINESS AND LABOR

SCR 4003

## 2009 SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE MINUTES

Bill/Resolution No. 4003

Senate Industry, Business and Labor Committee

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Hearing Date: January 13, 2009

Recorder Job Number: 6895

Committee Clerk Signature

*Ellie Lubelt*

Minutes:

Chairman Klein: Calls meeting to order. Resolution 4003

Jennifer Clark, Workforce Committee, In Favor of 4003. Resolution urging Congress to develop an immigration policy that would protect and preserve the safety and interests of the United States and its citizens and also recognize the needs of businesses to have a stable and legal supply of workers. In addition to the focus groups across the state and business conference held here at the capitol. One of the things the participants did was participate in the Governor's workforce summit. One of the issues that were discussed in detail was the Federal Immigration Law and there are changes that could be made at the federal level that would really benefit the states and getting a focus workforce. In part that is what this is attended to address.

Senator Tony Grindberg, Chairman of the Workforce Committee. I would just add this is another piece of legislation recommended by the committee. Immigration is an issue that Congress needs to settle. We have the best higher education system in the world, we bring students over, and we educate them and send them back. We are trying to send a message that we need a balanced fair immigration policy to provide opportunities for North Dakotans.

Chairman Klein: You mentioned the congressional issue in Washington and the difficult time we're having deciding the right approach to this. Does this create that sort of conflict that we're having across America?

Senator Grindberg: I don't see it as a conflict, as we watched the Presidential elections, early on immigration was a contentious issue, especially on the Republican side, safe cities, safe zones, the whole immigration issue. Which leads me to believe we are going to get this issue solved?

Discussion followed.

Jennifer Clark: On page one, line twenty one, and twenty four. The education issue is addressed.

Chairman Klein: Anyone in opposition?

David L. Kemnitz, ND AFL-CIO, in opposition to 4003: Lengthy comments of the system being broken for the immigrants coming over both legally and illegally.

Chairman Klein: Closed the hearing.

## 2009 SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE MINUTES

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Senate Industry, Business and Labor Committee

Hearing Date: January 13, 2009

Recorder Job Number: 6926

Committee Clerk Signature

*Eva Lutelt*

Minutes:

Chairman Klein: Do we want to look at 4003 again.

Senator Andrist: I would be happy to move that we pass 4003 as written. I couldn't see any of the proposed amendments were significant.

Senator Nodland: Second

Discussion continued.

Senator Potter: I think the bishops are coming forward with some language that just enhances it. It doesn't take away from it and we actually have a written amendment so we don't have to wait. This is about respecting family. That is one thing with the immigration law that is a real problem, we're dividing families. Some can stay and some have to go, some are here and can't bring their relatives. It probably doesn't matter in the grand scheme of things but if it makes Chris and the Bishops feel happy, I'd like a chance to vote on favor of the amendment.

Chairman Klein: We have a motion to pass as is.

Discussion on the amendment.

Senator Andrist: I would prefer not to withdraw my motion.

Chairman Klein: We have a motion and a second, currently. A motion for a Do Pass on 4003.

Motion made by Senator Andrist and Seconded by Senator Nodland. Roll Call

Vote Taken: Yes 4 No 3 Absent 0

Floor Assignment: Senator Andrist



**REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE (410)**  
January 13, 2009 3:46 p.m.

**Module No: SR-06-0250**  
**Carrier: Andrist**  
**Insert LC: . Title: .**

**REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE**

**SCR 4003: Industry, Business and Labor Committee (Sen. Klein, Chairman)**  
recommends **DO PASS** (4 YEAS, 3 NAYS, 0 ABSENT AND NOT VOTING).  
SCR 4003 was placed on the Eleventh order on the calendar.

2009 HOUSE GOVERNMENT AND VETERANS AFFAIRS

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## 2009 HOUSE STANDING COMMITTEE MINUTES

Bill/Resolution No. 4003

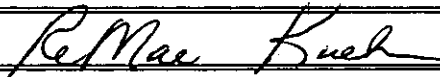
House Government & Veterans Affairs Committee

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Hearing Date: March 13, 2009

Recorder Job Number: 10901

Committee Clerk Signature



Minutes:

**Jennifer Clark, Legislative Council:** This resolution came out of the Workforce Committee. To give you some background, this was the third interim for this committee. The first two interims were a business climate study. The focus changed this last interim with a focus on workforce. The Focus on Workforce Committee met around the state and concluded with a Workforce Congress here at the Capitol. This is one of the bills that came out of that committee. It's pretty straight forward. It does two things. It expresses support and it urges Congress. It expresses support for the development of a balanced immigration policy and it urges Congress to work to develop an immigration policy that protects and preserves the safety and interests while also recognizing the needs of businesses to have a stable and legal supply of workers. A couple of things this resolution does not do. It does not address border issues and it does not address illegal immigration.

**Opposition:** None

**Chairman Grande:** Closed the hearing

## 2009 HOUSE STANDING COMMITTEE MINUTES

Bill/Resolution No. 4003

House Government & Veterans Affairs Committee

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Hearing Date: March 13, 2009 (Committee Work)

Recorder Job Number: 10905 (6' remaining)

Committee Clerk Signature

*R. Mae Fusch*

Minutes:

**Representative Froseth: Moved Do Pass and place on the consent calendar.**

**Representative Schneider: Seconded.**

A Roll Call vote was taken. Yes: 13, No: 0, Absent: 0.

**Representative Froseth will carry the bill.**

Date: 3/13/19

Roll Call Vote #: 1

2009 HOUSE STANDING COMMITTEE ROLL CALL VOTES  
BILL/RESOLUTION NO. 4003

House Government and Veterans Affairs Committee

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

Action Taken  Do Pass  Do Not Pass  Amended

Motion Made By Froseth Seconded By Schneider

| Representatives        | Yes | No | Representatives | Yes | No |
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| Chairman Grande        | ✓   |    | Rep. Amerman    | ✓   |    |
| Vice Chairman Boehning | ✓   |    | Rep. Conklin    | ✓   |    |
| Rep. Dahl              | ✓   |    | Rep. Schneider  | ✓   |    |
| Rep. Froseth           | ✓   |    | Rep. Winrich    | ✓   |    |
| Rep. Karls             | ✓   |    | Rep. Wolf       | ✓   |    |
| Rep. Kasper            | ✓   |    |                 |     |    |
| Rep. Meier             | ✓   |    |                 |     |    |
| Rep. Nathe             | ✓   |    |                 |     |    |
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Total (Yes) 13 No 0

Absent 0

Floor Assignment Rep. Froseth

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

to consent calendar

**REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE**

**SCR 4003: Government and Veterans Affairs Committee (Rep. Grande, Chairman)** recommends **DO PASS** and **BE PLACED ON THE CONSENT CALENDAR** (13 YEAS, 0 NAYS, 0 ABSENT AND NOT VOTING). SCR 4003 was placed on the Tenth order on the calendar.

2009 TESTIMONY

SCR 4003



*Representing the Diocese of Fargo  
and the Diocese of Bismarck*

Christopher T. Dodson  
Executive Director and  
General Counsel

**To:** Senate Industry, Business, and Labor Committee  
**From:** Christopher T. Dodson, Executive Director  
**Subject:** Senate Concurrent Resolution 4003  
**Date:** January 13, 2009

As a supporter of comprehensive immigration reform, the North Dakota Catholic Conference supports Senate Concurrent Resolution 4003 with the hope that it becomes a vehicle to call for an immigration policy that humanely secures our borders, protects workers and employers, respects families, and recognizes the needs of businesses to have a stable and legal supply of workers.

For several years, the Catholic bishops of the United States have strongly supported comprehensive immigration reform. This involvement stems from reflections on Sacred Scripture, the church's own immigrant experience, and from being one of the largest nonprofit providers of services to migrants in the United States. At the heart of the church's position on migration is that a comprehensive immigration policy must have a human face.

Senate Concurrent Resolution 4003, in its present form, conveys some truths. The current immigration system is broke and does not meet the needs of businesses to have a stable and legal supply of workers. Comprehensive and well-balanced reform, however, concerns more than immediate economic needs. A new immigration policy should, in addition to helping North Dakota's businesses, humanely secure our borders, protect workers and employers, and respect families.

With that in mind, the North Dakota Catholic Conference urges the committee to amend the resolution to incorporate these principles. Such changes would be minor and would not take away anything from the original resolution. They would, however, add the important human element that is an essential component of any successful comprehensive immigration policy.