

**2011 HOUSE POLITICAL SUBDIVISIONS**

**HCR 3020**

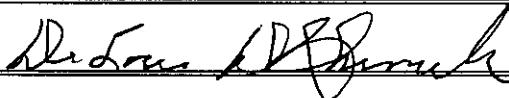
# 2011 HOUSE STANDING COMMITTEE MINUTES

House Political Subdivisions Committee  
Prairie Room, State Capitol

HCR 3020  
February 10, 2011  
Job # 14388

Conference Committee

Committee Clerk Signature



## Explanation or reason for introduction of bill/resolution:

A Concurrent resolution congratulating the North Dakota Highway Patrol on its 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary.

## Minutes:

Chairman Johnson: Opened the hearing on HCR 3020.

Rep. Mock: I was excited to introduce this bill because I think it was the highway patrol that gave me my first speeding ticket. I was wrong and it was the McLean County Sheriff's department. This bill is honoring and recognizing the ND State Highway Patrol on 75 years of service to the state of ND. My reason for introducing this resolution is as a staff member for the last 9 years for ND Boys State, since 1962 the American Legion ND Boys State has had a great relationship with the State Highway Patrol. They provided two troopers every week for the program. It is a great experience; the guys that come from across the state are able to be there and interact with the troopers. We usually get a wonderful presentation; and hear many times the song and the cop jokes but it is a great experience and it gives our students a chance to interact with the troopers. Short of Trooper Gruchalla who is co sponsor on the bill every other sponsor is an alumni of ND Boys State.

Rep. Klemin: I was at Boys State myself in 1962.

Rep. Hatelstad: I was there before you were.

Colonel James Prochniak, Superintendent of the Highway Patrol: when we first learned about this resolution we were actually quite thrilled and honored to provide some information and specifically to address some of our involvement with Boys State and how long we have been involved with that program. As the agency's Superintendent the comments in this resolution are certainly directed to past and present members of this organization civilian and sworn alike. They certainly don't take 75 years lightly. When I have had a chance to meet with superintendents across the nation this is quite a milestone. We are talking about agencies that are quite a bit larger than ours when it comes to state organization and state highway patrol. Many of them have not reached that milestone so to have that in our hat is quite an achievement. We will continue through the next 75 years and then some and if you are still around to enjoy Boys State at that time we will continue to provide our involvement in Boys State. I was a counselor for two years at Boys State. A

note of interest, when it comes to the list of officers in our organization that have attended boys state as counselors a number of them on that list have either gone on to be supervisors, commanders or past or present superintendents. It is quite a privilege to attend on our behalf as well.

Chairman Johnson: We appreciate the work you do; you and your organization.

Tom Balzer, ND Motor Carrier's Assoc. It talks about the Highway Patrol and ND Motor Carrier's Association jointly select the Trooper of the Year and the driver of the year and the current driver of the year happens to be Dwight Wonderland from TMI in Dickinson. We have a great relationship between the trucking industry and the highway patrol. One that is the envy of the nation. I travel around and talk to my counter parts; they have a very advisory relationship with their highway patrol. We want to celebrate them on their 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary and we very much support this resolution.

Opposition: None

Neutral: None

Hearing closed.

Do Pass Motion Made By Rep. Mock: Seconded by Rep. Beadle

Vote: 13 Yes 0 No 1 Absent Carrier: Rep. Hatelstad:

To be put on the consent calendar.

Hearing closed.

Date: 2-10-11  
Roll Call Vote #: 1

2011 HOUSE STANDING COMMITTEE ROLL CALL VOTES  
BILL/RESOLUTION NO. HCR 3020

## House Political Subdivisions Committee

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

Action Taken  Do Pass  Do Not Pass  Amended  Adopt  
Amendment

Rerefer to Appropriations     Reconsider

Motion Made By Rep. Mock Seconded By Rep. Brade

Total (Yes) 13 No 0

Absent )

Floor Assignment Rsp. Hatfield

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

## Consent Calendar

**REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE**

HCR 3020: Political Subdivisions Committee (Rep. N. Johnson, Chairman) recommends DO PASS and BE PLACED ON THE CONSENT CALENDAR (13 YEAS, 0 NAYS, 1 ABSENT AND NOT VOTING). HCR 3020 was placed on the Tenth order on the calendar.

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# 2011 SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE MINUTES

Senate Political Subdivisions Committee  
Red River Room, State Capitol

HCR 3020  
March 14, 2011  
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Conference Committee

Committee Clerk Signature

## Explanation or reason for introduction of bill/resolution:

A concurrent resolution congratulating the North Dakota Highway Patrol on its 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary.

**Minutes:**

You may make reference to "attached testimony."

**Chairman Andrist** opened the committee hearing on HCR 3020, a concurrent resolution congratulating the North Dakota Highway Patrol on its 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary.

**Representative Corey Mock:** District 42. The North Dakota Highway Patrol celebrated their 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary last year. I've been a staff member with the North Dakota Boys State for 9 years, sponsored by the American Legion. We've had a standing relationship with the state highway patrol since 1962. We have two troopers there every year facilitating and working with the organization. They had their 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary commemorative gear and I wonder if they had been recognized with a resolution. I spoke with John Bjornson with the LC and found there was no resolution that was ever introduced in the 2009 session and I thought it's about time we get on it.

All of the sponsors with the exception of Representative Gruchalla who is a retired highway patrol trooper are alumni of North Dakota Boys State. These five members that sponsored the bill all have attended Boys State and I also learned in the House Political Subdivisions hearing there were even more in the room sitting around the table. As a staff member and contributor and supporter of the American Legion, I am honored to be here to introduce this resolution and go on the record and say the American Legion and North Dakota Boys State program is truly appreciative of the work of the North Dakota Highway Patrol. They teach these students who attend life lessons by giving them great responsibility and a new perspective with what the NDHP does. You don't only see them when they are parked behind you in the lights flashing. They do a lot more behind the scenes and our students appreciate what they do.

**Captain Dave Kleppe:** Support Services Commander for the North Dakota Highway Patrol, in support of HCR 3020. We would like to express our appreciation and honor to be recognized by the resolution that Rep. Mock has explained. The 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary was a big thing for the department; it was a nice milestone. Our people have participated in Boys State and other educational ventures for many years and that is a big part of our program;

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not just the enforcement aspect. Thanks for the recognition; we really appreciate it on behalf of the entire department of the Highway Patrol.

**Tom Balzer:** North Dakota Motor Carriers Association. We are mentioned as: 'a whereas' in this particular resolution and it says that we help pick the trooper of the year and they help pick our driver of the year. But the relationship between the Motor Carriers Association and the Highway Patrol is much greater than that. We are actually the envy of many of the trucking associations around the nation because we have such a great relationship with the Highway Patrol. That has been in part because of the openness of the agency to work with the industry that they regulate. We are fortunate to have that relationship and look forward to that relationship. We are wholeheartedly supportive of HCR 3020.

**Chairman Andrist** asked for those in attendance to speak in opposition or in neutral testimony, no one came forward.

Chairman Andrist closed the hearing on HCR 3020.

Motion for Do Pass: Senator Judy Lee

2<sup>nd</sup>: Senator Olafson

Roll Call Vote: 5 Yeas, 0 No, 0 Absent

Carrier: : Senator Laffen

Date: 3/11/2011  
Roll Call Vote # 1

**2011 SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE ROLL CALL VOTES**  
**BILL/RESOLUTION NO. 3020**

## **Senate Political Subdivisions Committee**

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**Legislative Council Amendment Number**

Action Taken:  Do Pass  Do Not Pass  Amended  Adopt Amendment

Rerefer to Appropriations       Reconsider

Motion Made By Sen. Judy Lee Seconded By Senator Olson

Total (Yes) 5 No 0

Absent \_\_\_\_\_ 0

Floor Assignment Senate Lafay

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

**REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE**

**HCR 3020: Political Subdivisions Committee (Sen. Andrist, Chairman) recommends DO PASS (5 YEAS, 0 NAYS, 0 ABSENT AND NOT VOTING).** HCR 3020 was placed on the Fourteenth order on the calendar.